



## DEAKIN MEDICAL CENTRE - FLU VACCINATION PROGRAM 2015

**Important information:** *There will be a delay to the start of the 2015 influenza season. Two of the strains in the 2015 trivalent seasonal influenza vaccine composition differ from those in the 2014 vaccine, which complicates the vaccine manufacturing process. Deakin medical centres are hopeful that we can commence vaccinations by mid April, due to the holiday break.*

### Staff (self funded) vaccinations

1. Book an appointment with the Campus nurse for vaccination, either by contacting the [medical centres](#) on campus or use the [online appointment system](#)
2. You are able to process payment at the front desk of Student Life if you wish to pay using Deakin Card or EFTPOS
3. If you have a question regarding the flu vaccination email [askanurse@deakin.edu.au](mailto:askanurse@deakin.edu.au) with your contact details.

### Division / Faculty funded vaccinations - internal procedure

Please note the process has changed for the Flu Vaccination program for 2015, we are now using staff's Deakin card to pre load approval for vaccinations. This will eliminate the use of vouchers, allow us to report on usage and provide you with timely reports.

1. Complete the Staffing Vaccination spreadsheet with all the information required
2. Fill in the form, be sure to include:
  - a. Number of staff being vaccinated
  - b. Your Faculty / Division and Campus
  - c. Account code to be charged
  - d. Contact name, phone and email.
3. Email [dsl-sbs@deakin.edu.au](mailto:dsl-sbs@deakin.edu.au) (Student Life)
4. We will confirm when your staff vaccination approvals have been loaded onto all listed staff members Deakin card, please allow 2 business days. The DSL Business Unit will advise you via email when this has been completed, staff can then proceed to book an appointment.
5. Please note vaccine orders are placed according to the number of requests received, there will be no refund for excess vouchers. If staff wish to participate it is their responsibility to ensure they make an appointment to be vaccinated.
6. Staff must present with their Deakin card at the Medical centre reception, this will then be swiped on the Deakin card machine and a receipt will be provided for the staff member to present to the nurse.
7. Medical Centre staff are unable to provide the vaccination without the Deakin card approval receipt, please ensure your staff are aware of this process.

## Composition of the Flu Vaccine 2015:

The 2015 Southern Hemisphere influenza season vaccine strains are:

- A/California/7/2009 (H1N1)pdm09 - like virus
- A/Switzerland/9715293/2013 (H3N2) - like virus
- B/Phuket/3073/2013 – like virus (Yamagata lineage)

The Australian Influenza Vaccine Committee (AIVC) selected influenza viruses for the composition of the trivalent influenza vaccines. The expert committee reviewed and evaluated the surveillance data and the Therapeutic Goods Administration accepted the recommendations of the AIVC.

### Why is it recommended each year;

The Flu vaccinations composition can vary each year therefore seasonal Flu vaccine is recommended annually. Immunity from flu wanes over time and a new vaccination is required to boost your antibody levels and ensure you are covered for the current flu strains.

### Eligible groups for free government supplied seasonal influenza vaccine;

When booking in for your vaccination please ensure you tell the customer service officer if you are eligible for a free flu vaccination and this will be noted.

- People who are 65 years of age and over
- Pregnant women at any time during their pregnancy
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged six months to under five years and 15 years and older
- Residents of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities
- Any person 6 months of age and older with a chronic condition predisposing to severe influenza illness that requires regular medical follow-up or hospitalisation, including children aged 6 months to 10 years undergoing long-term aspirin therapy, and people with:
  - cardiac disease
  - chronic respiratory conditions
  - immunocompromising conditions
  - renal disease
  - diabetes and other metabolic disorders
  - chronic neurological conditions
  - haematological disorders
  - Down syndrome and fall under one of the above categories
  - obesity (BMI greater than or equal to 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup>) and fall under one of the above categories
  - alcoholism requiring regular medical follow-up or hospitalisation in the preceding year and fall under one of the above categories.

### Deakin Medical Centre contact information;

<b>Geelong – Waurn Ponds</b>	Student Life, Building jb,	Ext: 71211
<b>Geelong Waterfront Campus</b>	Health and Wellbeing Centre : D2.170 John Hay Building (D) (Open Tuesday – Thursday)	Ext. 79312

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