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As flu season rapidly approaches vaccination of all health-care workers is important. This includes physicians, nurses, transporters, clerical staff, lab personnel, radiology techs, etc.

Remember, your local health departments rely on emergency departments to :

- o Screen all patients with flu symptoms for Avian flu ( see attached screening form)
- o Encourage patients, family members and caregivers to get a flu shot
- o Encourage all patients > 65 yrs of age, to get a Pneumovax vaccine
- o Provide flu vaccine for all staff members

For information on where to get your flu shot in central Ohio visit our website at [www.vaccine4me.com](http://www.vaccine4me.com) or call the Flu Shot Hot Line at (614) 437-2900 or 1-888-202-1319.

Flu vaccine will be available at Columbus Public Health starting October 15, 2007.

## PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Monitor the incidence of influenza and influenza-like illnesses through the following mechanisms:
  - CDC sentinel physicians and clinics;
  - absenteeism rates in local schools;
  - sentinel workplace absenteeism;
  - ER diversion status;
  - and syndromic surveillance through ER admission diagnoses.
2. Provide data about morbidity and mortality rates to health care providers.

## DISEASE INCIDENCE

Cases reported in Columbus and Franklin County for September 2007

PERTUSSIS: 17	NEISSERIA MENINGITIS:2	SALMONELLA:10
VIRAL MENINGITIS:9	SHIGELLA:4	MEASLES:0
		WEST NILE VIRUS:0

Report Disease with Ease - 24 hours a day  
719-8888 (phone) 719-8890 (fax) [cdrs@co.franklin.oh.us](mailto:cdrs@co.franklin.oh.us) (email)

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