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## Health Alert

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### Mandatory Influenza Vaccination of Health Care Workers

This is a message from the Health Officers for the County of Alameda and the City of Berkeley to remind providers of their joint Health Officer Order mandating that all licensed health care facilities in Alameda County and the City of Berkeley require their health care workers (HCW) to receive an annual influenza vaccination. This Order, issued in 2020, remains in effect for the upcoming 2021-2022 flu season and mandates that health care facilities implement a process for requiring HCW to receive vaccination unless a HCW can produce sufficient documentation to obtain a permitted exemption. Mask wearing is not an adequate substitution for vaccination under this Order.

Please review the Joint Health Officer Order No. 20-16: Mandatory Flu Shots for Health Care Workers Order. [Update Joint health officer order no. 20-16 Mandating that all health care workers working in the county of alameda and the city of Berkeley obtain annual influenza vaccinations \(November 20, 2020\)](#)

In accordance with previous years, this updated Order includes an exemption for HCW who opt to not receive influenza vaccination due to religious beliefs.

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