

## Helpful Tips for a Successful Influenza Vaccination Campaign

Implementing a vaccination campaign at a dialysis facility requires planning and coordination. Here are some steps to take:

- 1. Join ESRD Network 3 2023-2024 Vaccination Campaign:
  - a. Post the <u>pledge form</u> in the facility waiting room and staff lounge. A <u>Spanish</u> <u>version</u> of the pledge form is also available
  - b. Click here to "Join the Protect, Prevent, Vaccinate Campaign" today and pledge to implement activities to educate and promote vaccinations

## 2. Set Goals:

- a. CMS goal: Achieve 90% of eligible patients vaccinated against influenza.
- b. CMS goal: Achieve 90% of eligible staff vaccinated against influenza.
- 3. Designate a vaccination champion to lead the efforts.
- 4. Plan the vaccination days:
  - a. Consider scheduling on the last day before the patients' long weekend in case any side effect is experienced.
  - b. Consider scheduling on the day before the staff's day off in case any side effect is experienced.

## 5. Raise awareness:

- a. Choose a *positive* and *catchy* vaccination slogan to use. *Make it fun.*
- b. Use bulletin boards, flyers, posters, videos, fact sheets and other educational materials to reinforce the message and address common concerns and misconceptions.
- c. Review *"How to Make Strong Recommendations"* resource tools and train staff to effectively educate about the vaccine.
- d. Announce when the vaccination event will take place.
- 6. Offer opportunities for one-on-one discussions to address specific concerns:
  - a. Utilize motivational interviewing techniques.
  - b. Leverage life goals and what matters most during discussion.
- 7. Ensure enough vaccine doses are available.
- 8. Give a copy of most recent <u>Vaccine Information Statement</u> (VIS) prior to vaccination.
- 9. Provide motivation and incentive:
  - a. Vaccinate staff on the floor where patients can see.
  - b. Use printable <u>"I Got My Flu Vaccine"</u> stickers for patients and staff who have received flu vaccine. <u>Spanish sticker template</u> is also available.
    - These downloadable stickers can be printed on laser and inkjet printers. They fit Avery label numbers: 22807, 22817, 22825, 41464, 41494, 22923, 22933, 22921, 22961, 80510, 92807, 4227.



- 10. Provide proof of vaccination to patients and staff.
- 11. Obtain and record reason for vaccination refusal.
- 12. Track your vaccination rates and follow up with patients and staff who have not yet been vaccinated to address any of their concerns or questions.
- 13. Documentation:
  - Non-Batching Organizations
    - Patient Vaccinations are recorded in EQRS
      - <u>https://mycrownweb.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/EQRS-</u> <u>Vaccination-Data-Submission-Requirements-and-Frequently-</u> <u>Asked-Questions-FAQ\_vFINAL508.pdf</u>
    - Staff Vaccinations are reported in <u>NHSN</u>
      - https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/hps/vaccination/index.html
  - Batching Organizations
    - Record *patient vaccination* in the appropriate EMR location as directed by your organization.
    - Record *staff vaccination* in appropriate applications as directed by your organization.
- 14. Review your progress toward goal using the ESRD Facility Dashboard in your monthly QAPI meetings.
- 15. Gather feedback from patients and staff and use this feedback to improve the vaccination campaign.

16. *Tell your campaign story*. Share your process and outcomes. Include any pictures and or videos. Submit your story to <u>vdelacruz@qualityinsights.org</u>

## **Campaign Tools**

- Patient Flu Vaccination Goal Poster (English) (Spanish)
- Staff Flu Vaccination Goal Poster (English) (Spanish)
- <u>Adults Need Vaccines, Too Influenza</u>
- CDC Flu Resource Center
- CDC HCP Fight Flu Toolkit
- <u>New!! 2023-24 Summary of Flu Vaccine Recommendations</u>
- <u>New Jersey DOH Influenza Resource Center</u>
- CDC Make a Strong Flu Vaccine Recommendation 50-64
- <u>CDC Make a Strong Flu Vaccine Recommendation 65+</u>
- How to Have Conversations about Vaccines (English) (Spanish)
- Get the Facts about the Flu and Pneumonia Vaccine (English) (Spanish)
- <u>ESRD NCC: A Change Package to Increase Vaccinations</u> Key Change Ideas for Dialysis Facilities to Drive Local Action
- ESRD NCC Immunization Card (English) (Spanish)
- How to Manage Vaccination Record



