

Monday 20th April 2020

Email sent to IC Managers at all public hospitals and aged care facilities from VICNISS

Hi all,

Please read carefully as there are immediate changes affecting reporting for all health services

As you are aware there are changed requirements for influenza vaccination of healthcare workers, namely:

Acute Care

- Aim for 100% of Cat A and B staff to be vaccinated
- Overall target (Cat A, B and C staff) is 90%

In addition, DHHS has made the following directive to request data from ACUTE public health services which should have been recently communicated to your executive:

WEEKLY information on the progress of your HCW influenza vaccination program.

These data are to be provided by 11am EVERY Monday beginning Monday 27th April.

Required data:

For weekly tracking of HCW influenza vaccination uptake during the 2020 influenza season, the following **numerator data** are required by 11am on Mondays:

- Total number of all staff vaccinated
- Total number of all staff declining vaccination
- Total number of category A+B staff vaccinated
- Total number of category A+B staff declining vaccination

For weekly tracking of HCW influenza vaccination uptake during the 2020 influenza season, the following **denominator data** are required:

- Total number of staff employed* by hospital or health service on 20/4/2020
- Total number of category A+B staff employed* by hospital or health service on 20/4/2020

*Staff expected to work one or more shifts during the influenza season; if staff expected to be on leave during the 2020 influenza season, these should not be included. Only provide these data in WEEK 1 unless there has been an error.

Notes:

Weekly tracking data will be utilised by DHHS/SCV to determine *provisional uptake and declination rates* by all staff and category A+B staff.

At the conclusion of the vaccination campaign (August 2020), submission of *confirmed* denominator data will be required to calculate vaccination uptake and declination rates.

VICNISS are currently preparing a form for data entry which will be available soon

The submission date for finalised data is **28th August although you are strongly encouraged to submit earlier** (via online form) if the state target (90% for all staff) has been reached.

Aged Care

Healthcare Workers

- Vaccination target is 90%

- Subject to availability of sufficient vaccine vaccinate all aged care staff by May 1 and vaccinate all staff as soon as possible
- Subject to availability of sufficient vaccine, Residential Aged Care staff are not to enter or remain in a facility unless they have an up to date influenza vaccination (Directive from CHO Victoria)

The submission date for finalised data is **28th August although you are strongly encouraged to submit earlier** (via online form) if the state target (90% for all staff) has been reached

Residents

- In the current pandemic situation you are encouraged to ensure all residents are vaccinated
- Resident vaccination data (influenza, pneumococcal and herpes zoster) to be submitted to VICNISS by web form by 1st June 2020.

Please contact us if you have any questions on 93429333 or info@vicniss.org.au

Regards,

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