

Influenza Vaccination

Influenza is a highly contagious disease that can be spread before symptoms appear and results in about 150,000 hospital admissions and 24,000 deaths annually.

Healthy People 2020 established a goal of 90% health care worker vaccination rate and The Joint Commission developed a standard for hospitals to incrementally increase their vaccination rate to 90% as well. In January, 2013, reporting of this rate by hospitals to the National Healthcare Safety Network also began.

Clark Memorial Hospital has aggressive yearly programs to continually increase influenza vaccination of our team members. Eighty-seven percent of our team members received this vaccine during the 2013-2014 flu season.