OSHA Mandate for Tdap Vaccine

Employee Health Services (EHS) has traveled to many locations throughout the Health System providing flu shots to employees and students. Recently, EHS began providing the Tdap vaccine to those employees at the same time. The Tdap vaccine provides protection against Tetanus (Lockjaw), Diphtheria and Pertussis (Whooping Cough). Employee Health's roving flu clinic cart will now be coming around providing Tdap vaccine as well as flu shots. All staff are encouraged to get vaccinated for both illnesses.

As per OSHA's Airborne Transmissible Disease Regulations health care workers, and those working at a health care facility, must be offered Tdap vaccine to protect against Pertussis. This is an OSHA mandate. Employees must either receive the Tdap vaccine or they must sign a declination to prove the vaccine was offered.

This immunization is especially important due to the recent Pertussis outbreak in California. Most adults have either had or been immunized against Pertussis, however, immunity wanes with age and thus many adults are currently susceptible to this infection. Pertussis infections in adults usually present as a mild, but chronic infectious cough. It’s when an infected adult unsuspectingly infects children less than two years of age or who have chronic pulmonary/cardiovascular illnesses that a life threatening illness may occur.

EHS is providing flu shots and the Tdap vaccine at the locations listed below. Alternatively, employees may come to Employee Health Services to get the Tdap vaccine any day Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

December 1st - Cancer Center Room 3301, 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
December 1st - C.T.S.C / Stem – Room 1472, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
December 3rd - Tower Lobby (next to Black Rhino cafe), 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
December 3rd - Tower Lobby, 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
December 6th - Broadway Building Room 1190 (1st floor), 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
December 6th - Tower Lobby (next to Black Rhino cafe), 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
December 8th - M.I.N.D Institute Room 1112, 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
December 8th - Tower Lobby (next to Black Rhino cafe), 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
December 10th - Tower Lobby (next to Black Rhino cafe), 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
December 20th - FSSB Room 2020, 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
December 20th - Tower Lobby (next to Black Rhino cafe), 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
December 22nd - Tower Lobby (next to Black Rhino cafe), 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
December 29th - Tower Lobby (next to Black Rhino cafe), 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.