Email influenza documentation (please include your name, program and RDP ID #) to: Health.Safety@rdpolytech.ca

Yearly immunization for influenza is highly recommended by Alberta Health Services (AHS) for the public in general, and particularly for health care workers, and educators and students of health care disciplines and is required for participation in clinical in Red Deer Polytechnic Health Sciences Programs.

**IMPORTANT!**

*If an influenza outbreak is declared by AHS and affects the agency site where you are doing a placement, you will be required to leave the placement if you do not have proof of influenza immunization. You will not be allowed to return until the outbreak is declared by AHS to be over. Such interruption of your placement can jeopardize program completion.*

Influenza immunization is available during the “flu season” each year, defined by AHS as starting in October. There are a number of immunization providers and some may charge for the vaccination. RDP sets a due date of November 30 for Health Sciences students to complete their influenza immunization and provide proof of completion to the Health Safety & Wellness Centre.

You can read more about influenza immunization at [www.albertahealthservices.ca](http://www.albertahealthservices.ca), search ‘influenza’.

**Please follow the instructions below carefully:**

1. When AHS announces that influenza immunization is available (usually mid-to-late October), contact one of the providers to arrange for your immunization (by appointment or drop-in depending on the provider you use). **NOTE: Take your Alberta Health Care card with you.**
   - Red Deer Polytechnic (RDP) Health Safety Wellness provides Influenza Immunization Clinics on the RDP campus mid-to-late October. Watch Instagram, Blackboard, announcements, emails to your RDP account, and the LCD screens around the college for more information. Free of charge for adults and children (10 years and older) with an Alberta Health Care card.
   - Local AHS Public Health Offices: the Red Deer office is at Johnstone Crossing Community Health Centre - free of charge for adults and children of any age.
   - Physician’s offices - there may be a charge; adults and children of any age.
   - Pharmacies - there may be a charge; adults and children of any age.

2. **Ensure that the provider gives you a record of your immunization. Promptly submit** that document (include your name, program and RDP ID #) via email to health.safety@rdpolytech.ca. **NOTE:** Due to the volume of emails, you will not receive a response confirming your influenza submission.

3. **Keep your original documentation** in a safe place and carry a copy with you at all times. You may be asked to show it to the agency site manager where you are assigned.

4. If you have any questions, please contact Health Safety & Wellness:
   - Email: Health.Safety@rdpolytech.ca
   - Phone: 403-342-3234

FOIP Notification: Your personal information is being collected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act of Alberta, section 33(c). It is being collected for the purposes of ensuring health and safety requirements are met for clinical placements, to counsel or consult about immunization details, to communicate with and share information with practicum agencies, and to monitor and confirm your eligibility to participate in practicum experiences. The Occupational Health Nurse shares information to the Placement Office, to monitor and confirm eligibility to participate in practicum experiences. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Manager, Health Safety and Wellness Centre at health.safety@rdpolytech.ca.