



Package F
Yearly Influenza Immunization
Health Sciences Programs
Health & Safety Requirements 2021–2022

Email influenza documentation (please include your RDC ID #) to: Health.Safety@rdc.ab.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 RDC 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 there may be a charge depending on the provider you use. RDC 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, 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 College Health Safety Wellness provides influenza immunization Clinics on the RDC campus mid-to-late October. Watch Instagram, Blackboard, announcements, emails to your RDC 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 RDC ID #) via email to health.safety@rdc.ab.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 an AHS Manager.
4. If you have any questions, please contact Health Safety & Wellness:
Email: Health.Safety@rdc.ab.ca
Phone: 403-342-3234

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