The UNSW Health Service has stock of flu vaccines for staff, students and their families.

Annual vaccination is the most important measure to prevent influenza and its complications. It is recommended for all people aged 6 months and over (unless contraindicated).

UNSW provides vaccines free of charge to all staff and students who hold a current Medicare card. For staff that do not have Medicare they will be charged a small amount that they get fully reimbursed by their insurance. Please call the Health Service and book your bulk billed appointment on 9385 5425.

The National Immunisation Program (NIP) also covers the cost for family members, partners and children for the following groups:

- All people aged 6 months to less than 5 years (this cohort is newly eligible in 2020)
- All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 6 months and over
- Pregnant women (during any stage of pregnancy)
- All people aged 65 years and over
- People aged 6 months and over with medical conditions which increase the risk of influenza disease complications.

For more information on the administration of seasonal influenza vaccines in 2020, refer to the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation’s Statement.

Why is the flu Vaccine so important this year?

We are strongly recommending everyone is vaccinated this year. The flu won’t prevent you from getting COVID-19 but it will reduce the number of people who get the flu and therefore the number of people needing hospital beds as a result of severe flu, limiting the impact on the health system. It is also possible to get the flu and COVID-19 at the same time which will likely cause significantly worse symptoms.

Family members, partners and children of staff who don’t fall into the categories above still can have the flu vaccination at the Health Service, the cost is $20. Get your flu vaccination done today!

Flu fact: You can’t catch influenza from the flu shot!