Flu vaccines

Flu vaccines are now available at UNSW Health Service. The flu vaccine is provided free to all staff and students and is strongly recommended. For more information about the Flu Vaccine refer to NSW Health or Department of Health.

Where can I get the flu vaccination?

To get the flu vaccine you are required to attend a health service or a pharmacy. UNSW health service has adapted to the COVID-19 pandemic and has put procedures in place to ensure your safety and the safety of our staff. You can also access flu vaccinations via your local pharmacy or GP.

How do I book my flu vaccine at UNSW Health service?

To make an appointment with our Flu Clinics after the 14th April, please register online. If you are unable to find a suitable time or the clinics are booked out, please ring the Health Service on 9385 5425 and make an appointment with a doctor who will administer the vaccine.

Follow these steps as directed for online appointment bookings:

1. **Click here** to make an online booking.
2. Login (click on existing patient if you have visited UNSW Health Service before) or Register (select new patient if you have not visited UNSW Health Service before). Log in to proceed with a booking.
3. Proceed to the “practitioner of your choice” third tab down, then select either “FLU CLINIC 1” or “FLU CLINIC 2” TAB. If you cannot find any appointments in clinic 1 then please proceed to clinic 2. **DO NOT CLICK ON THE GENERAL PRACTITIONER TAB.** If there are no slots available please ring the Health Service on 9385 5425 and make an appointment with a doctor who will administer the vaccine.
4. Make an appointment at a time and a date of your choosing.
5. Read through and sign this **consent form. Print this and bring it with you to your appointment. You can email this if you don’t have a printer: email unihealth@unsw.edu.au.** This is a compulsory requirement for your vaccination.
6. If you are a new client complete this **registration form** and email to unihealth@unsw.edu.au.
7. To cancel or change appointments please revisit the email confirmation to make the changes.

How will UNSW Health Service maintain physical distancing?

The UNSW Health service is managing appointment times to ensure physical distancing can be maintained at all times by distributing appointment times across the day. Additional waiting areas have also been established outside the health service to ensure people waiting for an appointment can maintain physical distancing. Masks, gloves and hand sanitisers will be available to ensure patient safety at all times. For receiving a flu vaccine, a separate entrance has been arranged during peak times.

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.

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