

**County of Santa Clara  
Public Health Department**

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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** September 17, 2013

**TO:** Hospitals, Ambulatory and Community Clinics, Medical Practices, Skilled Nursing Facilities and other Long Term Care Facilities, and other Health Care Facilities

**FROM:** Sara H. Cody, MD  
Interim Health Officer

**RE:** **Mandatory Influenza Vaccination or Masking of Health Care Workers – Health Officer Order resumes on November 1, 2013**

In July 2012, Dr. Marty Fenstersheib issued a Health Officer order mandating that all health care facilities in Santa Clara County require their health care workers (HCWs) to receive an annual influenza vaccination or, if they declined, to wear a mask during the influenza season. That order is ongoing and applies to each influenza season until such time as the order is rescinded (see <http://www.sccgov.org/sites/sccphd/en-us/HealthProviders/healthalerts/Pages/default.aspx> and choose 07-24-2012 Health Officer Influenza Vaccination Order).

This order resumes on November 1, 2013.

Most acute care hospitals in Santa Clara County reported that influenza vaccination rates among their health care workers increased to over 90% last season after this order was implemented.

For additional questions, please contact the Disease Prevention and Control Program at 408-885-4214. Thank you, as always, for protecting the health of Santa Clara County residents.