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SHR Clinicians and Nurse Practitioners

Dear Clinicians:

**RE: Immunize or mask policy for influenza season and your patients**

Effective this influenza season, as declared by the Provincial Chief Medical Health Officer, all health care workers including Saskatoon Health Region staff, volunteers and physicians who have not been immunized against influenza, will be required to wear a procedural mask in all designated patient care areas, as indicated in the policy.

Moreover, there will also be an expectation, although not enforceable, that all visitors and patients visiting Saskatoon Health Region facilities will be encouraged to mask if they have also not been immunized during influenza season. In order to communicate this, we have drafted the attached letter to share with your patients and clients in advance so that they are fully aware of this expectation and know where they can receive their influenza immunization.

If you have any questions about the new policy, please do not hesitate to contact Shelly McFadden, Director of Safety and Wellness at 306-655-7709 or myself at 306-655-4482.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Sincerely,

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Attachment