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Public Health Department

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 4, 2017

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

FROM: Sara H. Cody, MD 
Health Officer and Director, Public Health Department

RE: Mandatory Influenza Vaccination or Masking of Health Care Workers to resume on November 1, 2017 – Health Officer Order from 2012 Remains in Effect

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 (www.sccphd.org/vax-mask-memo).

For the purposes of the Order, the influenza season is defined as November 1 to March 31 of the following year. As stated in the Order, I may extend the duration of the order beyond March 31 if influenza surveillance data demonstrate an unusually late peak and/or continued widespread influenza activity in the spring.

Most acute care hospitals in Santa Clara County reported that influenza vaccination rates among their health care workers increased to over 90% 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.