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TO: ALL UCSF EMPLOYEES

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RE: FLU SHOT REMINDER

UCSF's flu shot clinics began this week as part of our effort to vaccinate all UCSF Medical Center employees as well as UCSF faculty, housestaff, students, volunteers and others who work in patient care. These vaccination clinics, held in almost a dozen locations through the end of October, are offering free seasonal flu shots to anyone with a UCSF ID badge. Information regarding clinic times and locations is available on the Occupational Health Services Web site at www.occupationalhealthprogram.ucsf.edu.

Within two weeks, we expect to receive a supply of H1N1 (swine flu) vaccine and will announce arrangements to distribute that vaccine soon after receipt of vaccine is confirmed.

We have not seen a significant increase in flu-like illnesses over the past several weeks but it's too early to know how the flu season will develop. Vaccination of our workforce maximizes our ability to safely care for patients even during a severe flu season.

Please remember that our new policy requires all medical center employees and campus employees, students and volunteers who come in contact with patients – be vaccinated for the seasonal flu and H1N1. If you choose not to be vaccinated, you must decline, as required by state law, using an online form, and wear a protective mask when in patient care areas.

If you have any questions regarding the vaccine for the seasonal flu or H1N1, please contact Occupation Health at OHS@ucsfmedctr.org.