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**FLU  
SEASON  
2020**

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# 4200 FLU RELATED DEATHS IN 2019\*

## **The Flu Season's Deadly Report for 2019**

- There have been 307,694 laboratory confirmed cases of Influenza in Australia for 2019
- 812 people have died as a direct result of the flu in 2019
- The estimated toll of the deaths related to the flu are at 4,200\*\*

## **The Flu Vaccine Saves Lives**

The flu is a highly contagious viral infection that can cause severe illness and life-threatening complications, including pneumonia. Research has shown flu vaccination to reduce the risk of flu illness by between 40 and 60 percent.

## **People Who are Most at Risk**

The flu can be a severe disease for healthy people, but can be especially serious for people more at risk like pregnant women, people 65 and over, children under 5, people with certain medical conditions and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

**Immunisation is the best possible protection against influenza and the most important way we can reduce the number of flu infections and deaths.**

\* Source: <https://www.immunisationcoalition.org.au/>

\*\* Flu related includes deaths due to heart attack or pneumonia resulting from Influenza.



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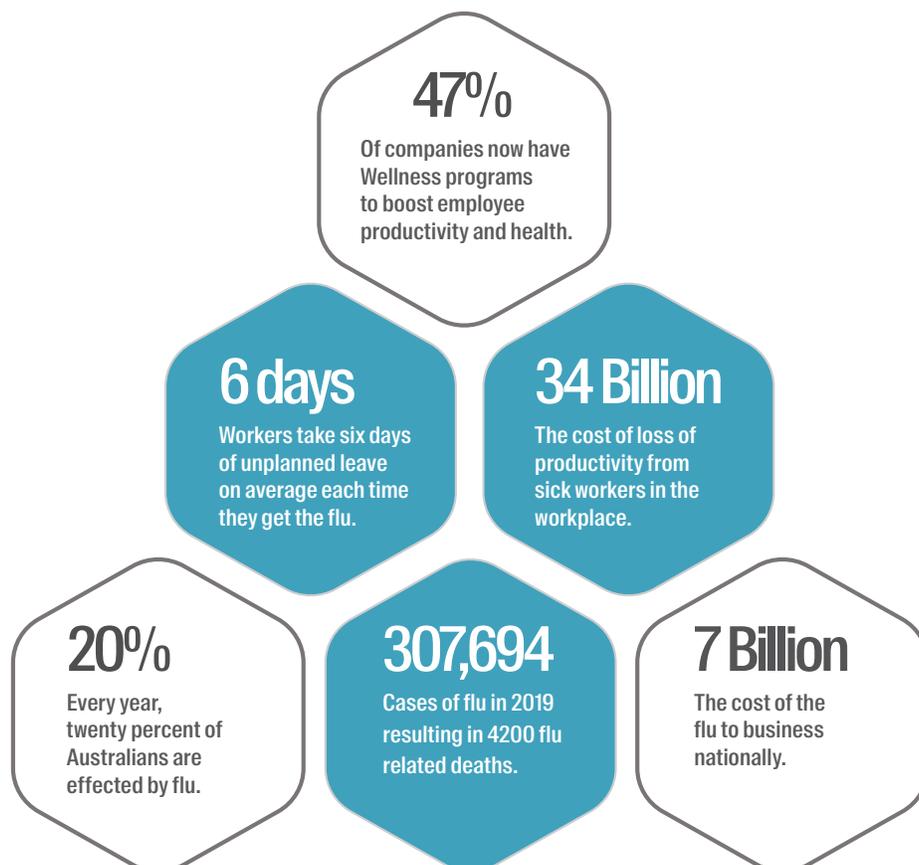
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# Why have on-site workplace vaccinations?

## So, what are the main benefits of a Corporate Flu Vaccination program?

Australian businesses who provide employees flu vaccines gain the following advantages:

- A drop in influenza-related absenteeism/presenteeism rates.
- Reduced absences and time off for medical appointments.
- Better performance by happy employees for an employer that cares.
- Superior protection through 'herd community' or 'herd immunity'.
- No increased workload for employees who are not infected.
- Generally a healthy workforce.
- Happy employee, happy business.



# What are your options?

**AusHealth Work is an industry leader among corporate flu vaccine providers in Australia, known for offering high-quality nationwide employee flu vaccinations. AusHealth Work takes pride in our solid customer base of Australian businesses who have recognised our corporate flu vaccine programs to be a worthy business investment. Our workplace flu vaccination services cater to Sydney, Newcastle, Central Coast, Wollongong, Melbourne, Canberra, Perth, Brisbane and South East Queensland, Regional Queensland, Adelaide, Tasmania and many regional locations.**

You have two options when considering flu vaccines for employees:

## **On-site Flu Clinics**

**AusHealth Work would assist in the initiation and setup of the clinic including:**

- On line booking system for attendees
- Marketing materials including flyers, posters, email and intranet banners
- On line/phone/email enquiries
- Consent forms and other materials supplied in the brand of the host site
- Free lollipops
- Vouchers redeemable at participating pharmacies

## **Flu Vouchers**

AusHealth can provide a package of vouchers redeemable at your closest pharmacy partner. These vouchers are a best for:

- Small businesses or individuals
- Remote or regional locations
- Covering those employees who are unavailable or missed the on-site clinic

# Influenza Vaccine Pharmacy Vouchers

**In addition to on-site clinics, AusHealth Work offers influenza vaccine pharmacy vouchers in partnership with TerryWhite Chemmart and other leading pharmacies.**

**Vouchers offer a flexible alternative for clients in remote areas, or where there may be employees on a rotating shift roster, out of regular business hours.**

Vouchers can also be used as a 'catch up' option for employees who may have missed out on the on-site flu vaccination clinic. Please be aware vouchers cannot be substituted for vaccines ordered, but

not used on the day of the clinic. Clients can request and book the vouchers on-line at our website, and AusHealth Work will send through the requested number of vouchers to the nominated contact person.

From there, employees can visit the website of the relevant pharmacy and book the vaccination time that suits, quoting the unique voucher code.

For all clients using vouchers, we encourage booking early as pharmacies can run out early, and AusHealth Work has no control over supply of vaccines at individual pharmacies.

# Organising your flu clinic

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## REGISTRATION

You can register your clinic on-line and provide us with the locations, times and dates you'd like us to attend. Booking your on-site clinic earlier helps us achieve your first preference for appointment.

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## AUSHEALTH WORK MAKES CONTACT

AusHealth Work will be in touch with you to work out the booking details.

Once confirmed, we will email you a confirmation, including promotional material for you to share internally.

An on-line calendar is also included for you to distribute to your staff so they can book their preferred time.

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## CONFIRMATION

The number of people being vaccinated as confirmed by you is what will be charged. If you need to change the numbers, you need to contact us at least 5 working days prior to the clinic date. Any changes to the confirmed number are subject to negotiation and additional charges may apply.

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## THE DAY OF THE CLINIC

Have a private room and your team ready, and AusHealth Work's Immunisation Nurse will arrive before your clinic to set up. We will vaccinate everyone needed, pack up, safely dispose of sharps, and depart.

All employees who have received a vaccination should remain in close vicinity to the Nurse for 15 minutes post-vaccination in case of any reactions.

AusHealth Work will provide each person with a record of their vaccination.

## HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE?

If all recipients have already completed the consent paperwork, each vaccine takes 2 to 4 minutes to administer. A post-vaccination observation period of 15 minutes is highly recommended.

# Managing risk

**There are inherent risks in offering any health service, and therefore an effective risk management plan is key to providing quality service. AusHealth maintains off-site vaccination clinic policy and procedures to ensure efficient, safe and high-quality vaccine clinics. These procedures are developed in accordance with relevant state and territory requirements, evidence-based research and recommendations from the Australian Immunisation Handbook. AusHealth Work immunisation nurses are experienced, well prepared, educated and supported so our clients can be assured of a positive vaccine clinic experience.**

Serious reactions to vaccines, such as anaphylaxis, are very rare (<0.01%) and usually happen within 15 minutes of vaccination. AusHealth Work Nurses are all Registered Nurses immunisation providers and as such can recognise all signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis and other less serious post-vaccination reactions. They are provided with an appropriate medical toolkit and if needed, can liaise and receive further advice from our Supervising Medical Officer who we have engaged through InjuryNET.

This means each attending Immunisation Nurse has the experience and support to ensure a safe vaccination clinic, and the health and wellbeing of your team.

Current controls in place for clinical risks include:

- Real-time access to the Australian Immunisation Handbook which provides clinical guidelines for immunisation providers
- Screening tools to ensure vaccination program participants are screened adequately for allergies and possible reactions
- Process management (from sourcing the vaccine through to post administration service)
- Continuous improvement of communication
- Creating a culture ensuring and promoting safety and quality
- Ensuring documented consent is acquired from participants prior to administration
- Emergency equipment checks to ensure equipment is on hand in the case of anaphylaxis;
- Infection control and hygiene practices are implemented
- Strict cold chain management of vaccines
- Adverse event reporting system/ incident reporting system in place and actioned; and
- Recruitment processes in place to ensure nurses are currently AHPRA (Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency) registered, immunisation certified, and hold a current CPR certificate



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