



# *Get Vaccinated!*

The Health Care Workers Council of the United Steelworkers encourages you to get your seasonal flu vaccine. As health care workers, we have a responsibility to protect ourselves and our patients.\*

Flu vaccines are safe and effective for most people. They help prevent the spread influenza, which is a serious disease.

The United Steelworkers supports free and voluntary programs for flu vaccination of healthcare workers as part of a comprehensive infection control program that also includes:

- Procedures to identify and isolate infected patients,
- Effective sick leave policies,
- Adequate staffing levels
- Housekeeping,
- Information and education for workers,
- Appropriate Personal Protective Equipment, and
- Program evaluation.

Flu vaccine policies are a mandatory subject of bargaining. That means that provisions of all such policies should be negotiated between the employer and the union. If your employer is planning to implement a new flu vaccine policy, notify your staff representative immediately.

\*Consult a licensed medical professional before being vaccinated