

Instructions for the Completion of the Influenza

Vaccination Exemption Packet

You may apply for either a MEDICAL or RELIGIOUS exemption for receiving the Flu Vaccine. If the Exemption is for Medical contraindication, please complete the **Influenza Vaccination Request for MEDICAL Exemption Form**.

If the Exemption is for Religious Belief or Creed, please complete the **Influenza Vaccination Request for Religious Exemption Form**.

Requests for either Medical or Religious exemptions must be submitted by filling out the appropriate exemption request form by Friday October 27, 2017, so that a decision can be made in time for compliance.

The deadline to submit either a Medical or a Religious exemption application is <u>Friday October 27, 2017.</u>

If you are applying for a Medical Exemption

The medical exemption strict criteria are history of GBS and anaphylactic type reaction to a previous flu vaccine. Employees requesting a MEDICAL exemption, must submit the following documentation to the Employee Health Office at flu@miami.edu:

- 1. A completed and signed **Influenza Vaccination Request for MEDICAL Exemption Form** by the employee and their healthcare provider.
- 2. Copies of medical record (progress notes, visit notes, ED notes) to support the information on the application form. *The complete medical record of the employee is not required* only that area of the medical record that is specific to contraindications to the Flu Vaccine.

Questions regarding MEDICAL exemptions should be directed to Dr. Sandra Chen-Walta, ARNP at 305-243-3267.

If you are applying for a Religious Exemption

Employees requesting an exemption based on religious belief, must submit the following documentation to Workplace Equity and Performance ("WEP") for review at wep@miami.edu:

- 3. A completed and signed Influenza Vaccination Request for RELIGIOUS Exemption Form.
- 4. A letter from a religious leader on official letterhead speaking to the employee's religious affiliation, and/or,
- 5. A quote from a Religious text along with a letter from the employee explaining the relevance of the text supporting the employee's beliefs.

Questions regarding RELIGIOUS exemptions should be directed to Mr. Roy Hinds, Director, Workplace Equity and Performance at 305-243-5518.