



Visiting Elective Student Written Declaration of Refusal of Influenza Vaccination, 2011- 2012

Faculty of Medicine, University of Manitoba

The following applies to all students seeking elective placement with the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Manitoba:

Students are required to receive an influenza vaccination if they wish to have an elective placement during influenza season (typically November to May), or else they are required to decline immunization in writing. Written refusal is required every year that influenza immunization is declined. If a student wishes to be vaccinated but an elective application is submitted before vaccine is available, documentation of immunization must be submitted prior to the student's arrival for the elective.

This policy has been introduced to emphasize to students the responsibility of healthcare workers to protect vulnerable patient populations from the spread of influenza and to protect these patients from the complications associated with acquiring influenza, including death; the policy is also intended to protect the health of the healthcare worker.

Yearly influenza vaccination of healthcare workers is supported by several major organizations, including the following:

- The Winnipeg Regional Health Authority
- Manitoba Health and Healthy Living
- The Public Health Agency of Canada
- The National Advisory Committee on Immunization
- The College of Family Physicians of Canada
- The Canadian Pediatric Society
- The World Health Organization

Student Declaration:

My name and signature below indicate that:

- I have read and understood information regarding the risks and benefits of influenza vaccination, including the fact sheet: [Influenza \(The Flu\)](#) (Communicable Disease Control Unit, Manitoba Health and Healthy Living; revised Aug/07)
- I have read and understood the attached information sheet: *Influenza Vaccination: Myths and Facts*, (University of Manitoba Bannatyne Immune Status Program; revised Nov/07)
- I have had the opportunity to discuss any questions or concerns I had regarding influenza vaccination
- **I have decided to decline influenza vaccination for the 2011 - 2012 school year**
- My reason(s) for refusing the influenza vaccine is/are:
 - Personal reasons
 - The following specific reason(s):

Student Signature

Student Name (please print)

Date

If you require additional information on influenza vaccination, or if you wish to discuss further any of the forms relating to influenza vaccination including the written declaration of refusal please contact the Immune Status Coordinator Dr. William Libich, libich@cc.umanitoba.ca . Thank you.