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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

DATE: August 26, 2020
TO: Licensed Assisted Living Facilities
FROM: Tara Ragland, Director, Division of Licensing Programs
RE: Influenza Vaccinations

Influenza vaccination will be vital this year to protect residents and staff in your assisted living facility (ALF). It will also greatly reduce the transmission to those individuals that cannot be immunized.

ALFs should begin making plans on how residents and staff will receive the influenza vaccine. By receiving the vaccine, you can reduce the probability of residents and staff contracting influenza in the midst of the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Virginia Department of Health (VDH) has created the Virginia Immunization Information System (VIIS). VIIS was established to create one definitive and accurate immunization record for all residing in Virginia. This can increase immunization rates and decrease rates of over immunization. There is no cost associated with maintaining a record in VIIS or with the use of the registry system. Access to authorized users, training, and customer support is free. This statewide registry combines immunization histories for persons of all ages from the public and private sectors and consolidates immunization information for individuals having multiple health care providers. A training video, registration and additional information can be found [here](#).

Do your part. Help #TakeFluOffTheTable

Additional resources on influenza can be found below:

[Influenza in Virginia](#)

[Prevent the Flu](#)

[Influenza Information for Healthcare Professionals and Facilities](#)