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# PHYSICIAN

## NEWS BRIEF

### BUSINESS UPDATES

#### Gearing Up for Flu Vaccines: Important Changes You Need to Know

The Covenant Executive Team and Covenant Medical Executive Committee determined that receiving an annual influenza vaccine is a critical factor in keeping our patients and each other safe. An organization-wide policy has been implemented requiring all employees, volunteers, students, contracted staff, medical staff, allied health staff members, residents, medical students, and vendors to participate in flu prevention by receiving an annual influenza vaccination by October 31, or wearing a protective mask during the flu season. Dates, times and locations of clinics will be provided to you when they become available.

Here are the choices to follow policy:

- Obtain flu vaccine at Covenant HealthCare by October 31
- Obtain flu vaccine somewhere other than Covenant and provide proof of immunization by October 31 to Medical Staff Services or Physician Relations
- Wear a mask instead of getting vaccinated and completing the Declination Form. Choosing this option, requires non-vaccinated individuals to wear a mask at all times from door to door (except in designated mask-free zones) in any Covenant HealthCare facility during the entire flu season (November through March).

Given the importance of flu prevention to patient safety, those not in compliance with the policy at the onset of flu season will face potential suspension of work or privileges until the end of flu season.

Thank you for supporting our Shared Vision: "Together, the Medical Staff and Covenant HealthCare are driving extraordinary care and value for our patients and communities"

#### Clinically Integrated Network President Position Now Available

Covenant Healthcare has partnered with 5 other healthcare systems to form a Clinically Integrated Network (CIN). One of the exciting features of the CIN is that it is being driven and led by physicians. The CIN is looking for a physician to serve as President in conjunction with the Board of Managers. The CIN hopes to have the position filled within the next several weeks. If you are interested in this unique opportunity please contact either Hannah King at 989.583.4049 or Jaime TerBush at 989.583.4051 for a complete job description and instructions on how to apply. For general comments or questions about the CIN, please contact Dr. Sullivan at 989.583.7351, Dr. Slavin at 989.583.7513 or Kevin Albosta at 989.583.2769. Please note that this information was recently emailed to all physicians.

#### Reminder: Active Medical Staff Meeting September 15

The next Active Medical Staff Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15 from 12:00 to 1:00 pm, with lunch served at 11:30 in the newly renovated Spencer T. Maidlow Education Center (formerly Cooper Lecture Theatre).

### PROGRAMS & SERVICES

#### Covenant HealthCare Pediatric Sleep Program

The Covenant HealthCare Sleep Center is proud to bring the expertise of Dr. George Zureikat to our patients! Dr. Zureikat and our entire team of sleep professionals are devoted to helping resolve sleep disorders in the pediatric population with the very latest in sleep technology and treatment approaches. For a referral to Dr. Zureikat, call 866.366.0462 or to schedule a sleep study at Covenant HealthCare, call 989.583.2930.

### NEW FACES

#### Welcome to Covenant Medical Staff!

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