



# Physician News Brief

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## Physician & APP Flu Clinics through the Month of October

All medical staff and advanced practice professionals must receive an annual influenza vaccine by October 31. Anyone choosing not to receive the influenza vaccine shall be required to don a mask during the entire influenza season while inside all Covenant facilities, except when in mask free zones. Flu clinics will be provided by your physician liaisons every Tuesday and Thursday during the month of October in the Cooper Physician Lounge. The schedule is as follows:

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| THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6  | 7 AM-9 AM  |
| TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11  | 7 AM-9 AM  |
| THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13 | 11 AM-1 PM |
| TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18  | 11 AM-1 PM |
| THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20 | 11 AM-1 PM |
| TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25  | 7AM-9 AM   |
| THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27 | 11 AM-1 PM |

## Upgrade to Vocera – Live Tuesday October 11

The Vocera Alert Text Message systems will be shut down for approximately one hour Tuesday evening, October 11 between 9 pm and 10 pm. During this downtime, all Vocera texting functionality will cease, including the chat function and the ability to receive text messages from Covenant Physician Answering Service and other departments that use Vocera.

Once the system comes back up the Vocera app on your mobile device will be updated automatically to the latest version which has the following new features:

- The phone app has an updated new look and all the screens have changed
- “Alert” and “Chat” icons have been merged into one titled “Secure Messaging”

Additionally, there will be Vocera VCS New User Interface document posted in the lounges for your reference. This document contains screen shots of the new app and step by step instructions on how to send and reply to secure text messages (formerly known as “CHAT”). Also the “VCS Overview” document describes how to navigate and use the new app. Please note that the “Making Calls, Dial Pad, and Notification Settings” section of the overview document is optional and may not be activated on your device if it was not being used in the current version of the app.

## Welcome to the Medical Staff

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