

Lamar University  
College of Arts and Sciences  
Dishman School of Nursing

## **INFLUENZA VACCINATION POLICY**

All students enrolled in the Dishman SON undergraduate nursing programs are required to submit documentation of having received the influenza vaccination for the current flu season. The documentation must be submitted to and processed by SentryMD by October 15 each year. Students must submit documentation to SentryMD at least 5 business days before the due date to allow for processing (weekends and holidays are not considered business days).

Students beginning the program in the spring will be expected to have their influenza vaccine prior to the first class day. In subsequent fall semesters after the initial spring admission, proof of the influenza vaccination will be due by October 15 each year.

Students requiring an exemption due to medical (such as allergy) or religious reasons must present documentation to that effect. Students must present requests for exemption to the Director of Undergraduate Nursing Studies.

Students with an exemption will be required to wear a mask in patient areas during the peak of the flu season or for the length of time required by the practicum facility. Some facilities will not permit students, including students with an exemption, to attend practicum without an influenza vaccination. If another practicum site cannot be secured, students with an influenza exemption will need to withdraw from the related didactic and practicum courses.

### **Enforcement**

Students who are noncompliant with submitting documentation of the influenza vaccination, will not be allowed to attend practicum, will receive an unexcused absence for one missed day, and placed on a contract. A second missed day for this reason would result in violation of the contract, resulting in possible course failure.

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