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# Colleague Flu Shot Clinics Start Oct. 1

BY [KIRSTIN REED](#) · SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

While it still feels like summer outside, fall is right around the corner. We all know that means cold and flu season is coming.

When you get vaccinated early in the fall, you decrease your chances of getting the flu and transmitting it to our patients and visitors. [Health care workers have a special obligation to be vaccinated, because people who remain unvaccinated and spread the flu can cause serious harm to vulnerable patients.](#) That's why LVHN has an Influenza Immunization Policy, which you can access through the Colleague Resource Center (CRC) by clicking on the Employment Policies Icon, then clicking on Influenza Vaccination Policy.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend [everyone six months of age and older get a flu vaccine every season.](#) Vaccination to prevent influenza is particularly important for people who are at high risk of serious complications from influenza, including adults 65 and older, pregnant women, young children and people with chronic health problems.

LVHN makes getting vaccinated easy. Colleague flu shot clinics will begin Tuesday, Oct. 1, and continue throughout flu season. Click below to get the schedule for your location. Print the schedule, post it in your area, get vaccinated and remind others to do the same.

- [Lehigh Valley schedule](#)
- [Hazleton schedule](#)
- [Schuylkill schedule](#)
- [Pocono schedule](#)

## What you need to know

- All hospital employee health offices will begin administering the vaccine on Oct. 1. The deadline for



vaccination is Nov. 21.

- Prior to attending a flu shot clinic, complete the electronic consent form, which is part of your first-quarter education bundle.
- You can also access the [electronic consent form](#) and additional information about influenza vaccination on [the intranet home page](#) by clicking “Influenza Information” under “Colleague Resources.”
- You can [view Frequently Asked Questions and post a question of your own](#).

### **Four types of vaccines provided this year**

- Standard Quadrivalent is designed to protect against four different flu viruses: two influenza A viruses and two influenza B viruses.
- FluMist is a nasal spray approved for use in non-pregnant individuals, two years through 49 years of age.
- Fluvad High-Dose is recommended for those 65 years and older (administered at flu shot clinics and employee health locations).
- Flubok (Egg-Free) is only approved for use in people 18 years and older with a severe egg allergy (administered at employee health locations only).

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# Career Development Resources

BY [RICK MARTUSCELLI](#) · SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

School is back in session. It's hard to miss the children huddling on street corners and school buses stopping every few blocks to pick them up. But for LVHN lifelong learners, there's no need for waiting or for school buses.

For colleagues interested in developing themselves, LVHN provides a number of options. Whether you prefer online sessions or in-person classes, LVHN has a variety of offerings to meet your interests and schedules. Registration is quick and can be done online.

## **Prefer traditional classroom learning?**

Leadership and organizational development provides monthly sessions taught by internal learning experts, and has recently partnered with Northampton Community College to deliver at LVHN sites the skills you indicated you would most like to develop.

**Interested in quick micro-learning bursts?** Leadership and organizational development is offering a webcast series on Leading Healthy Teams, hosted by Ginger Hardage, former Senior Vice President of Southwest Airlines and Marcus Samuelsson of Food Network fame, among others.

[The complete list of development sessions can be found on the intranet.](#)

**Comfortable with virtual learning?** LVHN provides licenses for LinkedIn Learning, an on-demand library of high-quality instructional videos covering a vast range of software, business and creative skills. With more than 14,000 courses taught by industry experts, LinkedIn Learning is designed for all levels of learners, and it's available whenever you're ready to learn. Please contact [Chimae Cupschalk](#), Senior Leadership & Organizational Development Consultant, for an individual license.

**Unsure of what area to focus on for your development?** A simple Development Process and Template has been developed for you and your manager to use as you consider options. The process



and template can be accessed through the Colleague Resource Center and by [clicking here](#).

September signals new beginnings for many. Let it be the start of a renewed focus on development for you.

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# Participate in the HPV Vaccine Poster Contest

BY [RICK MARTUSCELLI](#) · SEPTEMBER 13, 2019

The human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine provides safe, effective and long-lasting protection against cancers caused by HPV.

Help educate practice colleagues about the HPV vaccine by participating in the LVPG poster contest.

## Poster contest guidelines

- Contest begins Sept. 1
- Subject: HPV Vaccine is Cancer Prevention
- Voting: All offices should bring their poster boards to the September Clinical Coordinator meeting for voting
- Materials: A tri-fold display board (36" x 48" open and 36" x 24" closed). Smooth surface is perfect for paints, markers, glue and other embellishments.
- The winner will be announced at the October clinical coordinator meeting. The winning office will receive a pizza party for the clinical staff.
- Remember, use your imagination and be creative. Interested participants may contact [Kelly\\_A.Dalius@lvhn.org](mailto:Kelly_A.Dalius@lvhn.org)

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# You're Invited: Celebrate the Reopening of the Hackerman-Patz House

BY [KATIE CAVENDER](#) · SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

You know that delivering quality care to patients is only part of our responsibility. We also are committed to extending support to patients *and* their family members. The [Hackerman-Patz House](#) is a “home away from home” for those loved ones, offering an alternative to an expensive hotel or daily trips to and from home. “When people leave the Hackerman-Patz House, we want them to feel refreshed so they can focus on caring for their loved one,” says Kelley Gold, LVHN Manager of Guest Services.

After being temporarily closed to make improvements to further enhance the guest experience, the Hackerman-Patz House at LVH–Cedar Crest will reopen on Wednesday, Sept 18. More than ever, the facility will be able to provide comfort during stressful times.

“Our family lodging team is proud to welcome back loved ones of patients to rejuvenate and relax in our comfy refreshed guest rooms,” says Gold. “The Hackerman-Patz House is yet another valued resource that our patients and their loved ones need, expect and deserve.”

Everyone in the health network is invited to attend an open house on Tuesday, Sept. 17 to see the updated space. Colleagues are encouraged to stop by for a few minutes for a self-guided tour as their schedules allow. Light refreshments will be served.

## **Open House**

**Hackerman-Patz House at LVH–Cedar Crest**

**Tuesday, Sept. 17**

**7 a.m. – 6 p.m.**

Due to ongoing construction in the area, walking is not permitted for your safety. In order to safely



access this event, please do one of the following:

- Park in one of the limited lined spaces in front of the Hackerman-Patz House
- Park in the U lot or Kaysch lots and utilize the LVHN employee shuttle

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