Flu vaccination is an essential public health tool\(^1\text{-}^4\)

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented the healthcare system with unprecedented challenges. A second wave of COVID-19 may hit this fall during the influenza season, which could possibly result in an even worse public health crisis.\(^1\text{-}^3\)

Vaccination against influenza will be a critical public health tool during the COVID-19 pandemic, helping to protect against influenza and minimize the influenza burden to the healthcare system, as well as helping to preserve healthcare system capacity for patients with COVID-19 or other serious illnesses.\(^1\text{-}^5\)

That’s why it may be important to start thinking differently about solutions to work within COVID-19 mitigation measures, such as social distancing with the goal of safely and efficiently getting more people immunized against the flu than ever before, because it’s essential to public health.\(^1\text{-}^6\text{,}^7\)

Preparing for the upcoming flu season

First, a few questions to think about:

1. Is your space able to be configured to meet social distancing guidelines?
2. Will your clinic need to shift to a non-traditional approach to flu vaccination (eg, drive-thru, parking lot)?
3. How will you educate patients on the importance of flu vaccination and ensure they get vaccinated?

Consider these actions as you begin to prepare your flu immunization clinics:

**SAFETY FIRST**\(^8\text{-}^9\)

- Align on recommended infection-control measures
- Implement safety protocols
- Maintain physical distancing and monitor office traffic flow
- Stress frequent hand washing
- Provide hand sanitizer
- Have patients and staff wear protective masks

**STAFF IS ESSENTIAL**\(^8\text{-}^9\)

- Monitor staff health and well-being stay home if unwell
- Ensure adequate staffing is available
- Provide access to protective equipment, supplies, and tools
- Minimize physical contact between staff and patients

Think outside the clinic\(^*\text{-}^1\text{5}\)

- Set up and facilitate curbside or drive-thru flu vaccination opportunities
- Create alternative options to your waiting room (eg, patients wait in their cars before and after vaccination)
- Utilize mobile flu shot clinics, such as vans or buses
- Create pop-up vaccination sites within the community
- Schedule employer on-site flu vaccination opportunities
- Designate specific weekend or week hours for flu clinics

More complimentary resources will be available soon at fluor seqirus.com/flu-vaccine-resources.

If you have questions, call flu360 | Support at 855-358-8966. This service is complimentary to you as a partner of Seqirus.

For information on providing non-COVID-19 care during the pandemic, visit www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.