

University of Miami Declination of Influenza Vaccination

The University of Miami has recommended that I receive the influenza vaccination in order to protect myself and the University community.

I acknowledge that I am aware of the following facts:

- All University of Miami students are offered the influenza vaccine free of charge and should be vaccinated unless they have a clear contraindication.
- Influenza is a serious respiratory disease that kills an average of 36,000 persons and hospitalizes more than 200,000 persons in the United States each year.
- Influenza vaccine is recommended to prevent disease and its complications, including death.
- If I contract influenza, I will shed the virus for 24-48 hours before symptoms appear. My shedding the virus can spread influenza infection to others.
- If I become infected with influenza, even when my symptoms are mild, I can spread severe illness to others.
- I understand that the strains of virus that cause influenza infection change almost every year, which is why a different influenza vaccine is recommended each year.
- I cannot get influenza disease from the influenza vaccine.
- The consequences of my refusing to be vaccinated could endanger my health and the health of those with whom I have contact including other students, faculty, staff, and the community in general.
- I understand that I might be asked to wear a mask throughout flu season.
- I understand that I may not be able to participate in certain rotations and clinical activities outside of UM if the rotating sites require influenza immunization.

Despite these facts, I am choosing to decline influenza vaccination this season.

I understand I may change my mind and accept influenza vaccination.

I have read and fully understand the information on this declination form.

Student Name

Student Signature

Student birthdate