Pre-placement requirements shared with schools

Schools communicate the deadline for all students to receive the influenza vaccine and the implications on placements if the vaccine is declined. Proof of evidence of vaccination will be kept by the schools.

School liaison notifies St. Joseph’s Student Affairs Office (SAO) of students who declined the flu vaccine.

SAO notifies the appropriate Professional Practice Consultant (PPC) or Departmental Student Coordinator (DSC) and student’s placement supervisor by email.

PPC or DSC meets with the student to clarify the influenza vaccination policy.

Infection Control notifies the SAO & the PPC/DSC of the location of any influenza outbreaks (not pandemic*)

SAO checks list of non-vaccinated students

Did the student get vaccinated?

- YES
  - Student continues in their placement

- NO
  - Placement stops. PPC/DSC meets with student & faculty liaison/advisor to discuss options.

The term “Departmental Student Coordinator (DSC)” is used in this chart to refer to the individuals in the Diagnostic Imaging, Pharmacy, Spiritual Care, and Ethics Departments that coordinate student placement for those areas.

An influenza pandemic is a global outbreak of disease that occurs when a new influenza A virus appears or “emerges” in the human population, causes serious illness, and then spreads easily from person to person worldwide. Pandemics are different from seasonal outbreaks or “epidemics” of influenza which are caused by subtypes of influenza viruses that are already in existence among people. (taken from the St. Joseph’s Pandemic Plan)

In the case of a pandemic, PPCs would create an email about the organization’s position on student placements which would be sent to faculty liaisons through the Student Affairs Office.