

Statement from Shari T Shapleigh, FNP regarding Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 flu, August 20, 2009

Hello everyone and Welcome back!

The return of students not only marks the return of the academic year, but also the return of the flu. This year's flu season will present a challenge as we are facing seasonal flu and the pandemic (H1N1) flu. Vaccine for the pandemic (H1N1) flu will not be available until later in the fall while seasonal flu vaccine is currently available. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends early vaccination with seasonal flu vaccine to prevent co-infection of both types of flu this season. In addition, early vaccine will enable better preparedness of the health care community to handle pandemic (H1N1) flu vaccine administration when it is released. TC3 Health Services is providing seasonal flu vaccine free of charge to all faculty, staff and students. We have already begun vaccination and walk in vaccination clinics will be available next week.

The times for faculty and staff are thus:

Mon Aug 24 and Wed Aug 26: 8:30-10:30am

Tues Aug 25 10:00am-3:00pm

If you need alternate times next week, please call #4487 for an appt.

~Shari

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