

2020 Influenza Immunisation – UPDATE 20 April 2020

After much discussion with the Ministry of Health, we can confirm:

- The Ministry of Health has agreed to subsidise the flu vaccination for healthcare workers up to \$35.

Here are the Ministry of Health guidelines for 2020

Vaccination is free if you are aged 65 or over, pregnant, or have a health condition that puts you at greater risk of influenza. A list of eligible health conditions is available at the Fight Flu website – www.fightflu.co.nz

Healthcare and other frontline workers can also be vaccinated now. The Ministry of Health will subsidise Healthcare workers up to \$35 for the flu vaccination. This should cover the cost at most doctors and pharmacies.

For those who fall outside of the above criteria, influenza vaccinations will be available from late April 2020.

To claim your \$35 influenza vaccination subsidy

West Auckland based staff: Please visit Unichem, Kelston. Show your VisionWest ID tag and the Pharmacy will invoice VisionWest directly. (You do not need to pay. VisionWest pays, there is no need to claim a reimbursement).

All other staff (and West Auckland staff who are not able to get to Unichem, Kelston):

1. You will need to pay for your vaccination and get a GST receipt from your GP or the pharmacy.
The receipt needs to clearly show:
 - The Provider.
 - The Provider's GST number.
 - The vaccination cost.
 - Your full name.
2. Send a scanned copy of that receipt to accounts payable@visionwest.org.nz
You can also attach the receipt to your timesheet when you send it in.
 - If you are unable to scan it you can instead photograph it and email it – please ensure the picture is clear – if it is not, we will not be able to reimburse you.
 - If you are not able to email it, you can post it (you may have to wait until we are out of lockdown to do that).
3. You will be reimbursed up to a **maximum of \$35**. If you are charged more than that by the Provider, you will need to cover the extra cost yourself.
4. This reimbursement will go into the bank account your pay goes into unless you request a different account.

Keep well everyone!

Ngā mihi,
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