

Dear Wesleyan Families,

This information about flu shots was sent to members of the campus community earlier this week.

To the Wesleyan Community,

In the interest of everyone's health on campus, Wesleyan is **requiring a flu shot for all students by January 20, 2022** (unless exercising a religious or medical exemption permitted by State of Connecticut law). **Employees are strongly encouraged to also get the flu vaccine**.

We have scheduled three flu shot clinics for students in Usdan Campus Center on **October 19, 21, and 27**. Registration will begin in October as an appointment is required for the flu clinics. While we have obtained more doses than in previous years, we will not have enough doses for all students, nor can we accommodate faculty and staff.

Employees, as well as any students who are unable or choose not to get a flu shot on campus, can obtain a flu shot from most local pharmacies, <a href="health">health</a> departments or their own health care provider. Students who receive the flu shot off-campus must upload a copy of the vaccination paperwork via WesPortal, which will be available in October.

The cost of the vaccine is covered under the student insurance plan, while students with private insurance will receive a statement to file with their insurance company

for reimbursement. Flu shots for employees are covered by Cigna as well as most other insurance plans. (See Cigna's webpage to find a participating flu vaccine provider). Please note that most pharmacies require patrons to call ahead to schedule a shot. It takes about two weeks for one's immune system to respond to the vaccine, so you should get the shot as early in the season as possible.

Let's all do our part to keep Wesleyan safe!

Sincerely,

Dr. Thomas McLarney, Medical Director Rick Culliton, Chair, Pandemic Planning Committee