

# 5 Ways Flu Shot Stickers Can Help You Prepare for This Flu Season

Spread the word and not the flu! PDC Healthcare's Flu Shot Stickers can help your facility meet compliance while encouraging staff and patients to get vaccinated annually. Flu season can be a hectic time for healthcare facilities, and a full staff is vital to maintaining an efficient workflow.

69% of healthcare workers reported getting their flu shot during the 2016–2017 season, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This leaves 31% of your staff vulnerable to contracting the flu and missing work, causing your facility to be understaffed during the busy fall and winter season. Here are 5 ways flu shot stickers can help your facility:



## 1 Identify and Recognize Personnel in Compliance

Flu stickers worn by staff are an excellent way to help keep track of who has been vaccinated and who has not. The stickers provide a highly visible identifier of current vaccination, much like the “I Voted” stickers. They can promote a sense of pride and responsibility in caring for one’s personal and community health.

## 2 Help Improve Compliance Rates

Nearly 2-1/2 times more healthcare workers will get a flu vaccination if it’s simply recommended by their employer. Sometimes all people need is a friendly reminder from their employer about the benefits of vaccination for them to take action and get a flu shot. When required by their employer, nearly 3-times the number of healthcare workers will get a flu vaccination. The vaccination rate for Healthcare workers was 69%. The CDC’s 2020 goal is for 90% of healthcare workers to get vaccinated annually, and wearing flu stickers can help.

## 3 Avoid the Unfriendly Mask

More counties and states are mandating healthcare workers to either get a flu shot, or wear masks or gloves while working. Masks can be intimidating to others and may cause patients to feel uncomfortable or afraid and hamper a welcoming environment.

## 4 Help Staff Encourage Patients to Vaccinate

A flu shot sticker worn on your staff’s badges reminds patients to be more proactive with their personal health and get a flu shot during their medical stay.

## 5 Help Protect High-Risk Patients

Flu Vaccination stickers can be placed on employees’ badges and seen from a distance to allow or deny access to high-risk areas within your hospital or clinic. Are your high-risk patients protected?