

Declination of Influenza Vaccination

Senate Bill 792 (Mendoza) was approved by the governor in 2015 and requires any staff or volunteers to either be vaccinated against influenza between Aug 1 and Dec 1st or decline the vaccination in writing.

John Knox Co-op Preschool is required by Community Care Licensing of the State of California to provide the following information to volunteers working with the children in the classroom regarding the influenza vaccination

I acknowledge that I am aware of the following:

*Influenza is a serious respiratory disease that kills thousands of people in the United States each year.

*Influenza vaccination is recommended for me and all other volunteers to protect this facility's children from influenza, its complications, and death.

*If I contract influenza, I can shed the virus for 24 hours before influenza symptoms appear. My shedding the virus can spread influenza to children in this facility.

*If I become infected with influenza, even if my symptoms are mild or non-existent, I can spread it to others and they can become seriously ill.

*I understand that the strains of virus that cause influenza infection change almost every year and, even if they don't change, my immunity declines over time. This is why vaccination against influenza is recommended each year.

Despite these facts, I am choosing to decline influenza vaccination right now for the following reasons:

I have read and fully understand the information on this declination form.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name (print): _____ class _____

Recommendations of ACIP at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/vacc-specific/flu.html