
MEMO

Date:	March 31, 2017
To:	All Staff
From:	Ami Drummond, Influenza Prevention Program, Workplace, Health & Safety
Re:	Flu policy no longer in effect

The Influenza Prevention Policy applicability period ends March 31, 2017.

The Provincial Medical Health Officer, Dr. Perry Kendall, announced the end of the Influenza Prevention Policy applicability period as a result of declining Flu activity in BC. Staff who have not received an Influenza vaccine will no longer be expected to wear a mask in patient care areas.

Influenza, and other respiratory viruses, are still present in our communities and we encourage staff to remember proper hand hygiene, sneezing /coughing etiquette, and staying home when ill assist in preventing and limiting the spread of infection. The [Influenza Prevention](#) and [Influenza Exclusion Criteria](#) Policies remain in effect for sites experiencing outbreaks.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to protecting yourself, your family, and colleagues, as well as our clients, residents, and patients from Influenza and Influenza-related complications.
