Minimizing Potential COVID-19 Exposure During Flu Vaccination

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Learning Objectives

1. Understand how screening patients before their visit can reduce the risk of COVID-19

2. Understand the reasons for proper PPE recommendations for vaccinations patients with or without COVID-19

3. Understand the steps needed to safely vaccinate a patient with COVID-19
About Project Firstline

CDC’s Project Firstline is a collaborative of diverse healthcare and public health partners that have come together to make that happen.

The power to stop infections. **Together.**
SARS-COV-2

• Spreads easily from person to person
• Main transmission risk is from close contact
• Spreads like most other common respiratory viruses
Why Infection Control?

• Each infection control has a **reason** and a **function**.
• Each infection control strategy and action individually provides some protection including:
  • **source control**
  • **triage and screening**
  • **correct use of PPE**
  • **environmental and hand hygiene**

• Their greatest effect is when they're used **together, correctly and consistently**.
Before the Appointment and Vaccination (Patients without COVID-19)

Screening patients: Have a way to screen patients for COVID-19

Limit use of waiting areas: patients should only arrive at scheduled time, not before

When necessary, prepare the waiting room and patient rooms:
• Provide supplies
• Place chairs 6 feet apart, when possible
• Remove toys, reading materials, or other communal objects
At the Appointment

• Develop a plan for where patients will wait

• Separate patients with COVID-19

• Ensure every person entering the facility (patient or not) should wear a mask when they come inside

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During Vaccination

**RECOMMENDED**
- Hand hygiene before immunization
- Gloves
- Basic medical mask
- Eye protection or face shields (for high level COVID-19 in the community)

**OPTIONAL (FOR PATIENTS WITHOUT COVID-19)**
- Gown
- Eye Protection (for low level COVID-19 in the community)
Post-Vaccination

Clean and disinfect surfaces

Perform hand hygiene

Get rid of gloves properly
Why Hand Hygiene?

Prevents you from passing anything to yourself and others from other infected surfaces

How well hand hygiene works depends on you - no matter how busy you are, you should take time to use the right equipment, the right way, at the right time.
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