

Hospital policy requires employees to take flu shot

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When flu season rolls around, no one is sure what to expect. Will this year's strain of the highly contagious illness prove to be especially hard to endure, or will it pass over the population lightly?

One thing is certain amid all influenza's unknowns: Liberal and area residents won't be contracting the illness from employees at Southwest Medical Center. The hospital required all its workers, professionals and administrative staff – 380 people in all — to receive the 2013 flu shot. The hospital picked up the cost for the shots.

A second certainty resulting from that decision: in the months ahead, if people do contract the flu, SWMC will stand ready to nurse them back to health.

Flu shots: Are they mandatory?

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