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Date: June 2020

To: Article 28, 36, or 40 facilities

From: New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), Bureau of Immunization

## INFORMATIONAL MESSAGE:

Healthcare Personnel Influenza Vaccination Report to close June 30, 2020.

Please distribute to: Medical Director, Director of Nursing, Infection Control Practitioner, HPN Coordinator, HERDS Data Reporter,

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## SUMMARY

- Due to the extensive COVID-19 response efforts required by facilities, the NYSDOH Bureau of Immunization had extended the due date for the Healthcare Personnel Influenza Vaccination Report. The new date this report will close will be June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
- We understand that the efforts required to address the COVID-19 pandemic has taken numerous staff hours and other work may have been diverted to provide additional resources for these efforts. With this in mind, there will not be penalties connected to the 2019-2020 Healthcare Personnel Influenza Vaccination Report. However, we would encourage facilities to complete the survey if they are able as this data is an integral part of the influenza program for the NYSDOH.
- Further information regarding the report is available at: <u>https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/influenza/seasonal/providers/preventions/preventions/linenza\_transmission/</u>. For additional questions or concerns, please contact the NYSDOH Bureau of Immunization at: (518) 473-4437 or email immunize@health.ny.gov