

MBQIP Open Call for Minnesota Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs)

September 23, 2026

1-2 p.m.

Welcome! We are glad you are here!



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Today's Discussion

- MBQIP Updates and Reminders
 - Learning and Action Network Topic Feedback
- Healthcare Personnel Influenza Vaccination
 - Current performance review
 - High performer highlights
 - Strategy brainstorming
- Open Discussion and Questions

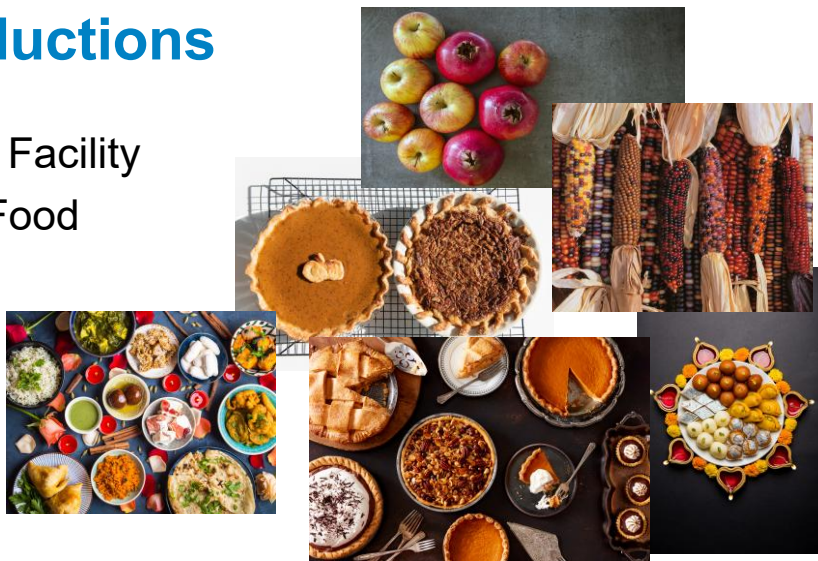
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Chat Introductions

- Name | Role | Facility
- Favorite Fall Food



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MBQIP Updates and Reminders

Updated MBQIP Core Measure Set

Global Measures	Patient Safety	Patient Experience	Care Coordination	Emergency Department
CAH Quality Infrastructure Implementation*	Healthcare Personnel Influenza Immunization* Antibiotic Stewardship Implementation* Safe Use of Opioids (eQIM)*	Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS)	Hybrid All-Cause Readmissions*	Emergency Department Transfer Communication (EDTC) OP-18 Time from Arrival to Departure OP-22 Left without Being Seen*

[Minnesota Critical Access Hospital Reporting and Improvement Assistance](#)

Six measures are reported annually (* denotes annual submission)
Three measures are reported quarterly (HCAHPS, EDTC, OP-18)

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MBQIP Data Reporting Upcoming Due Dates

- Hybrid HWR Q3 2025-Q2 2026
 - Due October 1, 2026 (HQR)
- HCAHPS Q2 2026
 - Due October 14, 2026 (HQR)
- CAH Quality Infrastructure 2026
 - Due November 20, 2026 (FMT) (encouraged by Nov 6, 2026)
- EDTC Q3 2026
 - Due November 2, 2026 (MHA Portal)
- OP-18 21 2026
 - Due November 2, 2026 (HQR)

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Upcoming Reporting Due Dates cont.

Measure ID	Reported To	Encounter Period			
		Q1 / 2026 Jan - Mar	Q2 / 2026 Apr - Jun	Q3 / 2026 Aug - Sep	Q4 / 2026 Oct - Dec
CAH Quality Infrastructure	FMT via online survey	2026 National CAH Quality Inventory and Assessment - Submission window: November 20, 2026			
HCP/ IMM-3	NHSN	May 18, 2026 (Q4 2025 - Q1 2026 data)	N/A	N/A	Anticipated May 17, 2027 (Q4 2026 - Q1 2027 data)
Antibiotic Stewardship	NHSN	Anticipated March 2, 2027 (CY 2026 data)			
Safe Use of Opioids	HQR Portal	Anticipated March 2, 2027 (CY 2026 data)			
HCAHPS	HQR via Vendor	July 8, 2026	October 14, 2026	Anticipated January 13, 2027	Anticipated April 14, 2027
Hybrid HWR	HQR Portal	October 1, 2026 (Q3 2025 - Q2 2026 data)		Anticipated October 1, 2027 (Q3 2026 - Q2 2027 data)	
EDTC	MHA Portal	April 30, 2026	July 31, 2026	November 2, 2026	February 1, 2027
OP-18	HQR Portal	August 3, 2026	November 2, 2026	February 1, 2027	May 3, 2027
OP-22	HQR Portal	May 17, 2027 (CY 2026 data)			

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MBQIP Reports

- [ShareFile - Sign In](#)
- Recently Distributed:
 - MBQIP 2026 Report 3
 - EDTC Q2 2026 Scatterplots
 - HCAHPS Q3 2025
 - 2025 CAH Quality Infrastructure Summary Report
- Forthcoming:
 - MBQIP 2026 Report 4 – September
 - HCAHPS Q4 2025 – September

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Stratis Health MN Flex Communication

Communication Channel	What is it?	Who is the audience?
Minnesota CAH Quality Connect	Monthly newsletter with general reminders and updates including upcoming submission deadlines, resources, events, and other relevant news.	Broadest audience for your team
Ad Hoc Large Group Emails	MBQIP and Population Health related event and resource updates, due date reminder emails, mailing list updates, MBQIP Open Call reminder and follow-up emails, etc.	Team members most likely to participate in LANs and/or utilize MBQIP or population health related resources
Data Report Distribution	MBQIP-related data reports saved to ShareFile	Two individuals per facility with access to ShareFile

Updating Contacts

Please reach out to Jodi Winters (jwinters@stratishealth.org) if:

- You or a team member is transitioning roles
- You want to know who from your team is on each of these different lists

We may reach out if we have questions.



Upcoming MBQIP Open Calls

All calls are on Wednesdays from 1-2:00 p.m. CT

- November 4, 2026 | [Register](#)
- January 13, 2027 | [Register](#)
- April 7, 2027 | [Register](#)
- July 7, 2027 | [Register](#)

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LAN Topic Feedback

- If a learning and action network were offered in the following topic areas, which would your team be interested in? (Select all that apply)
 - Antibiotic Stewardship
 - Geriatric ED/Age Friendly Health System
 - Quality Improvement Infrastructure
 - Star Ratings

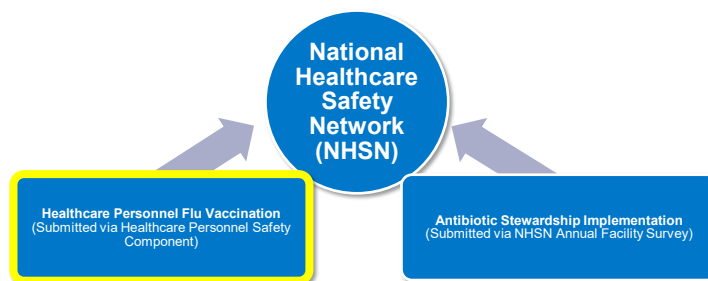
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Healthcare Personnel Influenza Vaccination

Healthcare Personnel Influenza Vaccination (HCP)



Reported Annually:

- Q4 2026-Q1 2027 (flu season) data due May 17, 2027*

HCP: Measure, Rationale, and Improvement

What: Influenza Vaccination Coverage among Healthcare Personnel

Why: 1 in 5 people in the U.S. get influenza each season. Combined in pneumonia, influenza is a leading cause of death, with two-thirds of those attributed to patients hospitalized during the flu season.

Improvement noted as: Increase in the rate (percent)

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HCP: Measure Definition

Numerator - All HCP who:

- Received vaccination at the facility
- Received vaccination outside of the facility
- Did not receive vaccination due to a medical contraindication
- Did not receive vaccination due to declination
- Had an unknown vaccination status

Denominator - All HCP that worked in the facility (part-time or full-time) for at least one day during the encounter period of October 1 – March 31

Healthcare Personnel defined as:

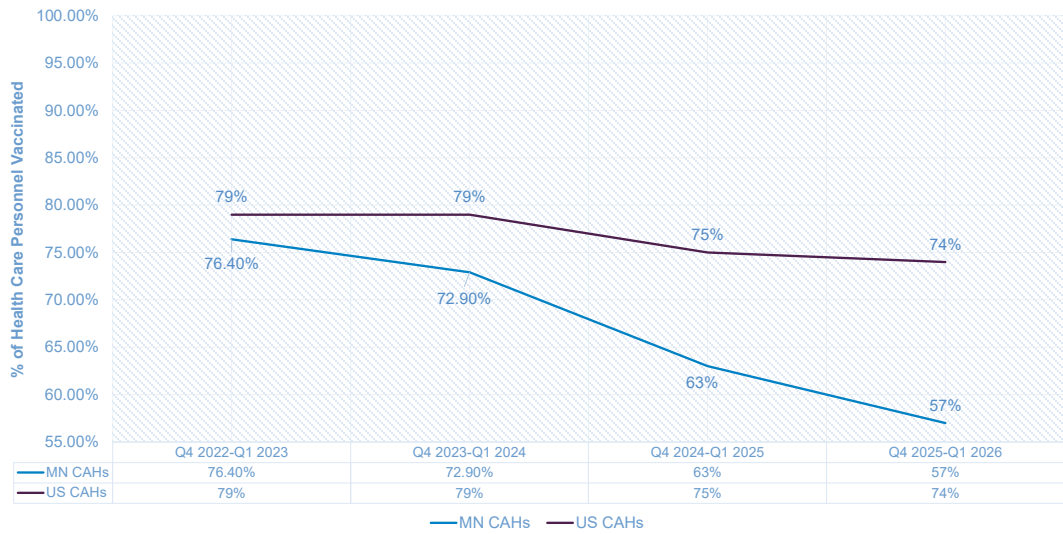
- Employees on payroll
- Licensed independent practitioners
- Students, trainees, and volunteers 18yo+

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Health Care Personnel Influenza Vaccination Performance Over Time – MN and US Critical Access Hospitals



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High Performer Highlights



Guest Presenters

- Bigfork Valley – 93.1%
- Sleepy Eye Medical Center – 87.5%
- CCM Health – 81%
- Sanford
 - Luverne – 94.1%
 - Westbrook – 93.7%
 - Tracy – 90.2%
 - Jackson – 84.7%
 - Thief River Falls – 84.5%
 - Bagley – 84.3%
 - Canby – 82.8%
 - Wheaton – 82.6%

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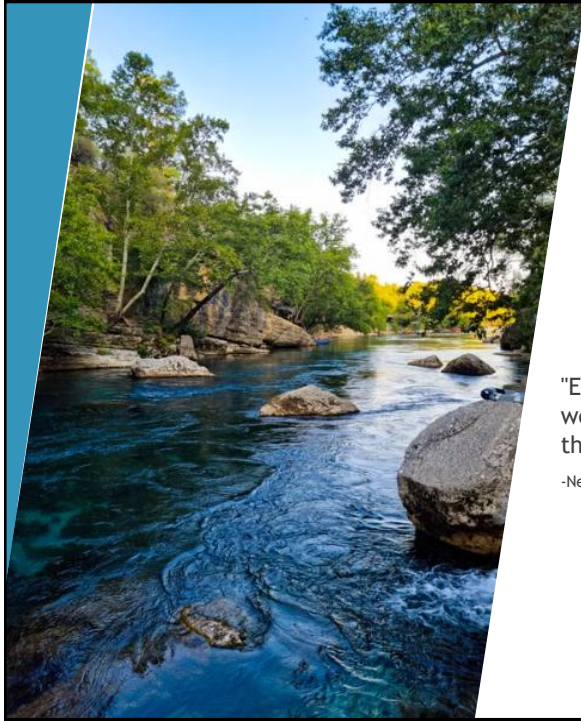
Bigfork Valley
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Employee Influenza Vaccination Initiative

Presented by: Dawn Jourdan RN
Infection Control & Employee Health



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Education

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

-Nelson Mandela

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Leadership



"Great things come from hard work and perseverance. No excuses."

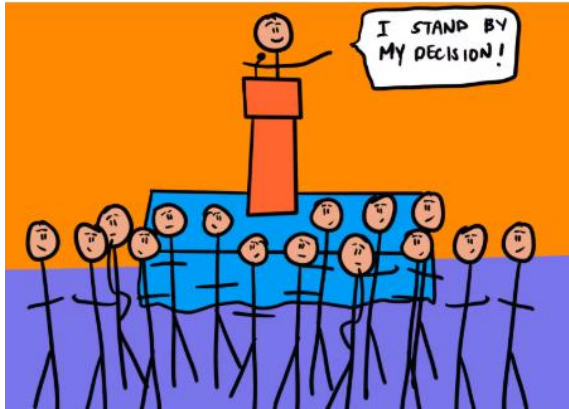
-Kobe Bryant

"Train people well enough so they can leave, treat them well enough so they don't want to."

-Richard Branson

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Commitment



"You may have to fight a battle more than once to win it."

-Margaret Thatcher

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Vaccine Opportunity Details

- ▶ We will be providing influenza vaccination to all employees, contract personnel, licensed independent practitioners, students, volunteers, and board members free of charge again this year.
- ▶ We will hold a vaccine clinic in the Fireside Lounge in Acute Care on October 16, 2026, from 8 a.m.- 4 p.m.
- ▶ Individuals can also request an appointment in the Hospital Pharmacy every Thursday afternoon.
- ▶ Special arrangements can be made if you work outside of regular business hours.
- ▶ **Call the pharmacy (x225) or email Sara (selioff@bigforkvalley.org) to set up your appointment.**
- ▶ **Call Employee Health (x137) or email Dawn (djourdan@bigforkvalley.org) to set up your appointment.**

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Masking for Source Control & Protection

- ▶ Employees who decline influenza vaccination must mask when in facilities where patients may be present for the duration of the flu season each year (November 1st through March 31st).
- ▶ However, the season may be extended in cases of heightened influenza activity as determined by the Medical Director or Infection Control Nurse.



Expectation

- ▶ Bigfork Valley Hospital must document and report vaccine administration and declination for all staff per CMS requirements.
- ▶ All staff must:
 - ▶ Obtain vaccination -or-
 - ▶ Provide documentation of vaccination obtained at an outside facility (e.g. physician's office) -or-
 - ▶ Sign declination form

Healthcare Worker Flu Vaccination Reporting

- ▶ Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) mandate that all acute care facilities (including critical access hospitals) report healthcare worker influenza vaccination rates
- ▶ Reporting influenza vaccination rates is part of a larger effort to reduce occupational hazards facing healthcare workers
- ▶ Data must be reported on number of staff vaccinated and number who declined the vaccine
- ▶ No personal data is reported (only numbers get reported)
- ▶ Facilities report influenza vaccination rates through the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN)
- ▶ NHSN shares its data with CMS

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Declination Forms

- ▶ Influenza vaccine declination forms must be filled out by anyone who cannot or chooses not to receive the annual vaccine.
- ▶ These declination forms provide important data that we are **required** to report to CMS (i.e. medical reasons, etc.)
 - ▶ Allow for targeted education needs
 - ▶ Identify if there is a need to obtain different forms of vaccine (i.e. intranasal, etc.)

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Influenza Vaccine Consent Form

Circle One: Employee (Dept): _____ / Practitioner / Volunteer / Student / Contractor / EMS / LTC Resident / Villa Resident / Patient

Name (Last, First, MI): _____
Date of Birth: _____
Phone Number: _____

Already vaccinated ☐ I have already been vaccinated against influenza this season.	Please provide: (Please attach vaccine administration documentation) Organization where vaccine was administered: _____ Date of Vaccination: ____/____/____
Flu vaccination screening questions:	1. Are you sick today? It is usually okay to get flu vaccine when you have a mild illness. What symptoms are you experiencing? ☐ Yes ☐ No 2. Do you have an allergy to a component of the vaccine? (Egg/Thimerosal) Please list: ☐ Yes ☐ No 3. Have you had a serious reaction to an influenza vaccine in the past? ☐ Yes ☐ No 4. Have you ever had Guillain-Barre syndrome? ☐ Yes ☐ No 5. This is the first time I have ever received a flu vaccine. ☐ Yes ☐ No I am <u>not</u> able to receive the flu shot due to a contraindication noted above. ☐
Declination ☐ I do not wish to be vaccinated at this time.	I understand that receiving the influenza vaccine will help protect the patients I care for from serious complications of influenza. However, I will not be vaccinated at this time. I have reviewed and understood the education provided on the back of this form.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If you have had recent chemotherapy, radiation therapy, or steroids (except inhaled), these conditions may decrease the effectiveness of the vaccine. However, flu vaccination is still encouraged. Flu vaccination is recommended for any woman who will be breastfeeding during the influenza season or will be pregnant during the influenza season. Vaccination can occur in any trimester.

Please note: In order to monitor influenza immunization levels among health care workers in this facility and across the state, the flu vaccination you receive or provide information for today will be recorded in MIIC (the Minnesota Immunization Information Connection, the statewide immunization registry). Information in MIIC is confidential and will only be shared with organizations or persons authorized by law to receive it. If you do not want to participate in the registry, please call 1-800-657-3970.

Administrative Use Only Entered into ☐ MIIC ☐ ActionCue ☐ Pharm Excel ☐ Paycom Flu Vaccine: ☐ Fluzone Quadrivalent 0.5 mL Lot #: _____ Exp: _____ Sanofi Pasteur Site: ☐ Left deltoid ☐ Right deltoid ☐ High Dose Fluzone (65 years+) Quadrivalent 0.7 mL Lot #: _____ Exp: _____ Sanofi Pasteur Signature: _____ (RN/LPN/PA/RPh,CPHIT) Date: _____ Date of VIS: 8/6/21
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- All staff must sign the Influenza Vaccine Consent Form.
- This form is used to document all 3 of the following:
 - Vaccine administration
 - Vaccination elsewhere
 - Declination

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Documentation

- ActionCue
- Microsoft Teams
- Excel spreadsheets
- NHSN
- MIIC

ActionCue CLINICAL INTELLIGENCE **Bigfork Valley** Hospital • Clinics • Communities

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Influenza Vaccination Screening Worksheet

Manage Recipients Add Records Manage Vaccines Tracking Log

Facility: Bigfork Valley Hospital Organization: Bigfork Valley Hospi... Season: 2026-2027

Employee Health Posts Shared Page

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Influenza 2026-2027
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Committee and Other Involvement

- ▶ Infection Control Committee-review and revise any Infection Control & Employee Health policies.
- ▶ QAPI-review data, identify quality or safety gaps, and design, implement, and monitor corrective action plans or performance improvement projects.
- ▶ Board-report findings, outcomes, and program evaluations.
- ▶ Scheduled emails to department managers.
- ▶ Department Huddles-staff self mask or are reminded by department managers to mask.
- ▶ Audit-Infection Control and other auditors remind staff to mask.

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Who Should Get Vaccinated?

- ▶ **Everyone** who does not have a contraindication should get vaccinated
- ▶ The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends that all people over six months old get vaccinated each year
- ▶ ACIP further recommends that all healthcare workers including those in training get vaccinated annually

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Myths vs. Facts for Flu Vaccines

- ▶ **MYTH:** Flu vaccines will give me the flu.
- ▶ **FACT:** flu vaccines cannot cause flu illness. Flu vaccines given with a needle (i.e., flu shots) are made with either inactivated (killed) viruses, or with only a single protein from the flu virus. The nasal spray vaccine contains live viruses that are attenuated (weakened) so that they will not cause illness.
- ▶ **MYTH:** It's better to get sick than get the vaccine
- ▶ **FACT:** The vaccine is much safer than getting sick. The flu can be a serious disease, particularly among young children, older adults, and people with chronic health conditions. Any flu infection can carry a risk of serious complications, hospitalization or death.
- ▶ **MYTH:** I had a flu vaccine last season; I don't need one this year.
- ▶ **FACT:** CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine for everyone 6 months of age and older, with rare exception. Immune protection from vaccination declines over time, so an annual vaccination is needed to get the best protection against the flu. Flu viruses constantly change so the vaccine composition is reviewed each year and updated as needed.

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Myths vs. Facts for Flu Vaccines

- ▶ **MYTH:** People who get the flu vaccine can still get sick with flu symptoms
- ▶ **FACT:** Several reasons why someone might get flu symptoms, even after they have been vaccinated against the flu:
 - ▶ Some people may become ill from other respiratory viruses besides flu, such as rhinoviruses, which are associated with the common cold, cause symptoms similar to flu, and also spread and cause illness during the flu season.
 - ▶ The flu vaccine only protects against the flu, not other illnesses
 - ▶ It is possible to be exposed to flu viruses, which cause the flu, shortly before getting vaccinated or during the two-week period after vaccination that it takes the body to develop immune protection
 - ▶ Another reason why some people may experience flu symptoms despite getting vaccinated is that they may have been exposed to a flu virus that is very different from the viruses the vaccine is designed to protect against. The ability of a flu vaccine to protect a person depends largely on the similarity or "match" between the viruses selected to make the vaccine and those spreading and causing illness.

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The Annual Flu Vaccine Can

- ▶ Prevent you from getting sick with the flu
- ▶ Reduce doctor's visits & hospitalizations
- ▶ Prevent childhood deaths from the flu by over 50%
- ▶ Keep pregnant women from getting the flu and flu-related complications
- ▶ Provide some immunity to newborns whose mothers were vaccinated
- ▶ Prevent serious illness for those who suffer from chronic illnesses
- ▶ Reduce the risk of spreading the flu to patients and coworkers

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Sleepy Eye Medical Center

- Team-based leadership
- Drop-in employee flu clinics
- Paperwork sent out in advance
- Mobile flu cart
- Family-friendly, themed community clinics
- Peer vaccination on every shift
- Clear expectations

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CCM Health

- Early communication and staff awareness
- Structured vaccination schedule
- Consent/declination completed in advance
- Department leader engagement
- Participation incentive
- Mobile vaccination cart
- Real-time documentation
- After-hours/night-shift access
- Ongoing monitoring and transparency

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Group Strategy Session



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Self-Reflection

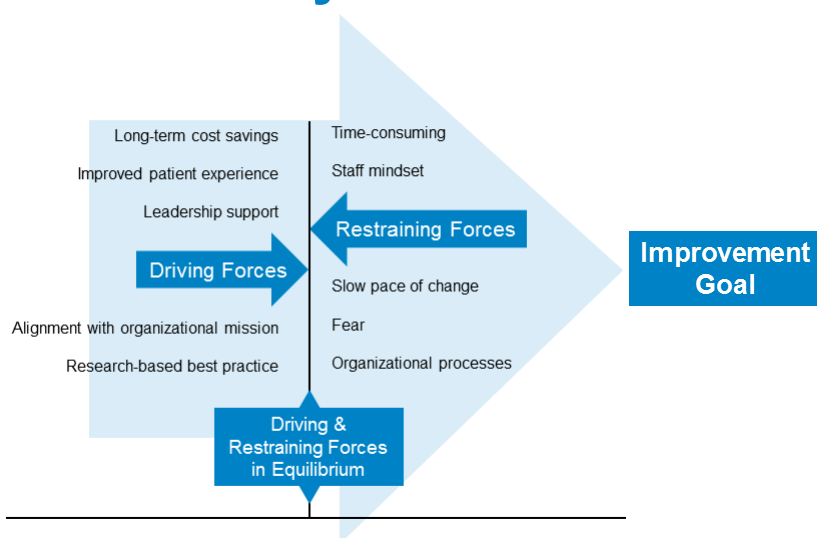


As you think about the work your organization is doing to encourage influenza vaccination for health care providers:

- What is going well and why?
- What tools and strategies are you using?
- What challenges are you facing?

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Force Field Analysis



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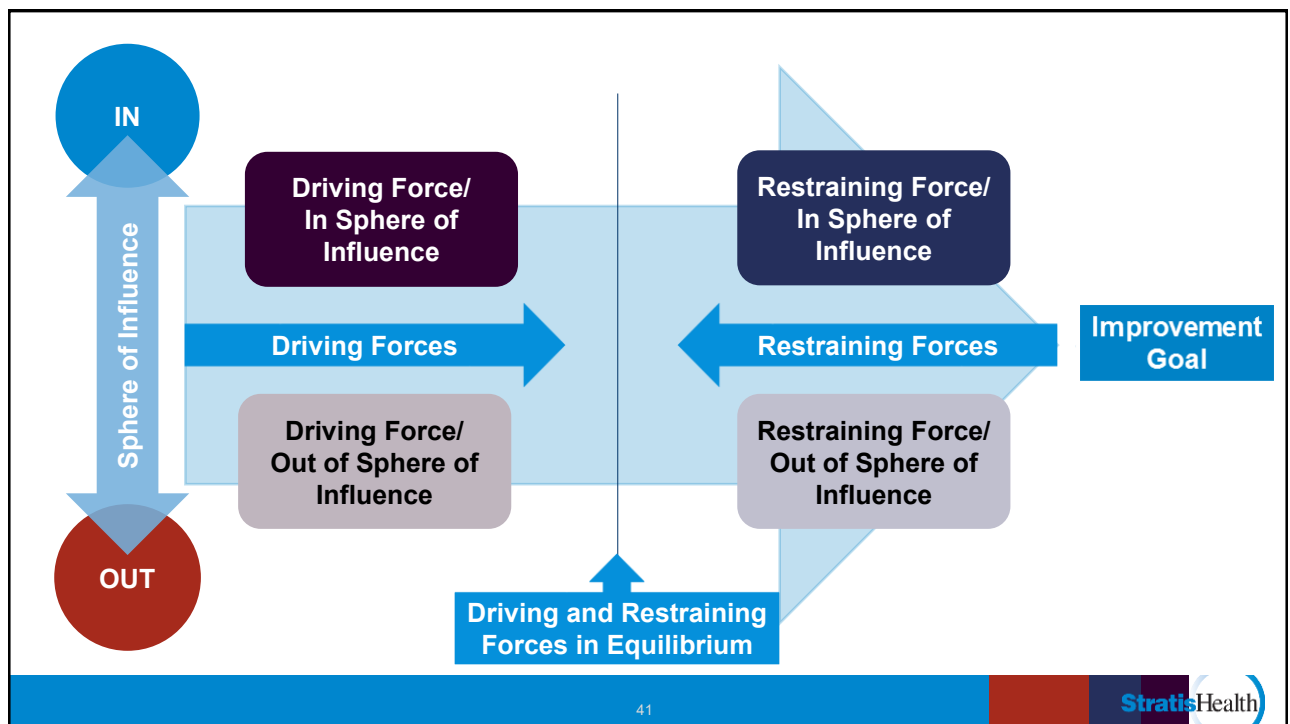
Force Field Factors

- Available resources
- Attitudes of people
- Mission and/or values
- Traditions
- Regulations
- Desires
- Vested interests
- Personal or group needs
- Time needed
- Institutional policies or norms (culture)
- Patient experience
- Costs/finances
- Present or past practices
- People
- Relationships
- Scheduling and events
- Social or organizational trends
- Pace of change
- Organizational structures and processes

Source: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/communities/force-field-analysis>

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Self-Reflection



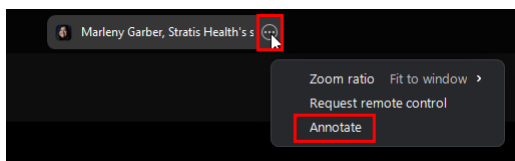
Categorize the successes, tools, strategies, and challenges you identified in the following:

- Driving force/In sphere of influence
- Driving force/Out of sphere of influence
- Restraining force/In sphere of influence
- Restraining force/Out of sphere of influence

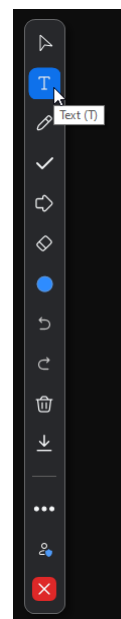
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Group Activity - Instructions

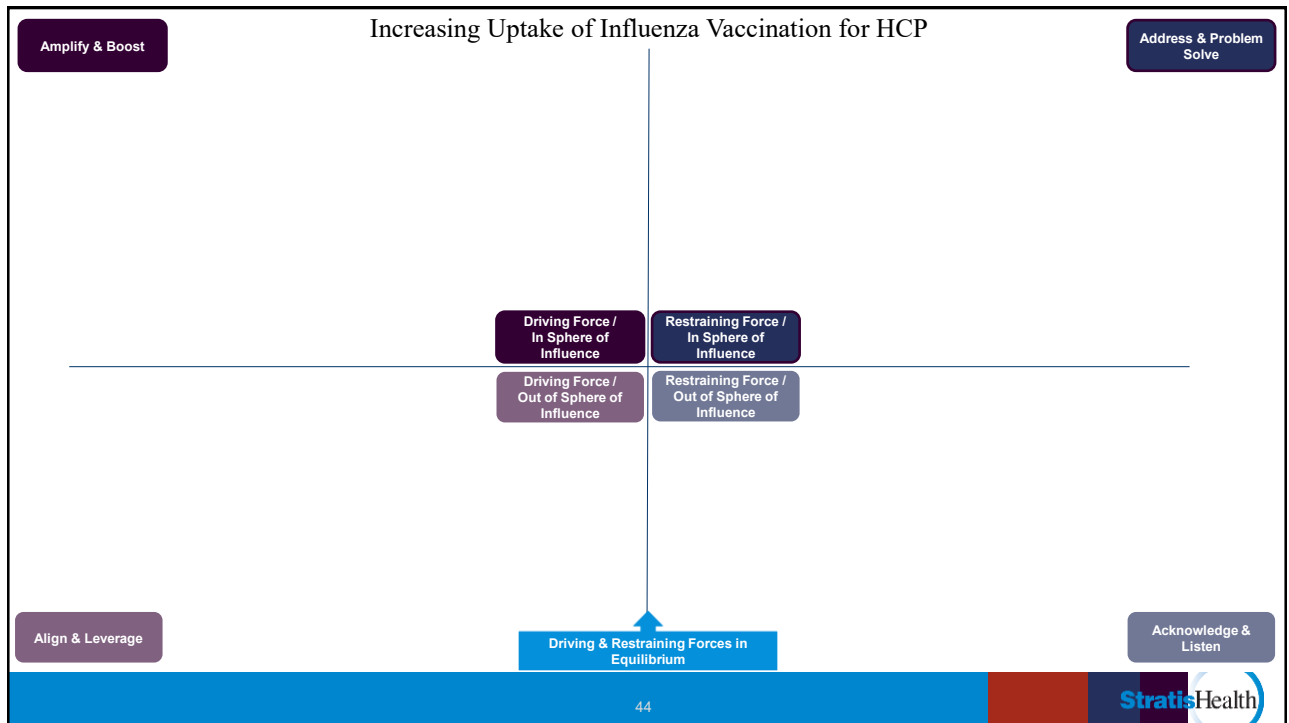
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- A new menu will appear on the left of your screen. Select "Text" and click your cursor in the area of the screen where you want your entry to display



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HCP: Improvement Strategies

- Launch an organized influenza vaccination campaign to improve acceptance rates
- Provide easy access to all HCP on all shifts as soon as vaccines are available
- Provide name badge stickers to those who are vaccinated
- Have a campaign goal and highlight level of vaccination coverage among HCP as a patient safety measure
- Engage in motivational interviewing for those who are uncertain and address any fears or concerns 1:1
- Make it fun! Check out an example of a successful CAH flu shot poster campaign: [Quality Time: Sharing PIE - Making Quality Improvement Fun](#)

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Wrap Up

Close-Out Poll

Rate your level of agreement with the following :

1. This event provided content that will be useful in my job.
2. This session met or exceeded my expectations.

-  Strongly Disagree
-  Disagree
-  Agree
-  Strongly Agree

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What Else?



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