



5. Key Terms

Key term	Definition for purposes of the HCP Influenza Vaccination Summary Module
Adult students/trainees and volunteers	Medical, nursing, or other health professional students, interns, medical residents, or volunteers aged 18 or older that are affiliated with the healthcare facility, but are not directly employed by it (i.e., they do not receive a paycheck from the facility), regardless of clinical responsibility or patient contact.
Contract personnel	Persons providing care, treatment, or services at the facility through a contract, regardless of clinical responsibility or patient contact, who do not meet the definition of employees, licensed independent practitioners, or adult students/trainees and volunteers.
Employees	Persons who receive a direct paycheck from the healthcare facility (i.e., on the facility's payroll), regardless of clinical responsibility or patient contact.
Healthcare personnel (HCP)	The entire population of healthcare workers working in healthcare settings. HCP might include (but are not limited to) physicians, nurses, nursing assistants, therapists, technicians, emergency medical service personnel, dental personnel, pharmacists, laboratory personnel, autopsy personnel, students/ trainees, and volunteers, contractual staff not employed by the healthcare facility (e.g., clerical, dietary, housekeeping, maintenance, and volunteers), regardless of clinical responsibility or patient contact.
HCP Influenza Vaccination Measure reporting period	The reporting period for the HCP Influenza Vaccination Measure is October 1 through March 31. This reporting period refers to the denominator only.
Healthcare worker (HCW)	A person who works in the healthcare facility, whether paid or unpaid, regardless of clinical responsibility or patient contact. Healthcare worker is the singular form of healthcare personnel.
Influenza season	For the purposes of NHSN, an influenza season is defined as July 1 to June 30 (of the following year).
Licensed independent practitioners (LIPs)	Physicians (MD, DO), advance practice nurses, and physician assistants who are affiliated with the healthcare facility, but are not directly employed by it (i.e., they do not receive a paycheck from the facility), regardless of clinical responsibility or patient contact. Post-residency fellows are also included in this category if they are not on a facility's payroll.



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**Seasonal
influenza
vaccine**

A vaccine for seasonal influenza virus strains that is offered on an annual basis.