

Respiratory Virus Season (RVS) Program Policy Updates 2023-2024

General Vaccine Questions

- Students and Clinical Faculty are strongly encouraged to receive this year's annual flu vaccine as well as a COVID-19 vaccine to be considered up to date with CDC recommendations
- To be up to date for this season, Students and Clinical Faculty must receive their annual flu vaccine and either a bivalent (currently available) COVID-19 vaccine or the new monovalent XBB variant vaccine (once available)
 - Receipt of the currently available bivalent COVID-19 vaccine between July 1, 2023 and October 31, 2023 will satisfy the COVID-19 vaccine requirements for this year
 - Students and Clinical Faculty who have already received the currently available bivalent vaccine (outside of the above dates) must receive the new monovalent XBB variant COVID-19 vaccine (once available) to be considered up to date
 - The new monovalent XBB variant vaccine is expected to be available by the end of September
- Any student or clinical faculty who wishes to decline either vaccine must follow the declination process within ACEMAPP.

Masking Guidance

- Anyone who does not receive an updated COVID-19 vaccine **and** their annual flu vaccine will be required to mask while in a clinical area within a Piedmont facility from **November 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024**.
- Badge stickers will not be provided for this year