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## Memorial Hospital Staff Exceed National Flu Vaccination Rates

Marysville, Ohio – During a recent meeting of the Infection Prevention and Control committee at Memorial Hospital of Union County, it was announced that staff at Memorial Hospital, The Gables at Green Pastures, and Union County Physician Corporation (UCPC) have well exceeded national averages for flu vaccination rates.

“Our exceptional vaccination rates illustrate our commitment to the safety and well-being of our patients,” shares Joseph Gastaldo, MD, board-certified infectious disease specialist at Memorial. “It’s important to us to stop the spread of germs for our patients, their loved ones, and our employees and their families.”

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention lists the latest national vaccination average for healthcare workers at 72%. Staff at The Gables accomplished 100% of employees receiving the flu vaccine, while UCPC staff achieved 99%, and Memorial staff attained a level of 96%.

“Sometimes it isn’t appropriate for all staff to receive a vaccine,” states Victor Trianfo, DO, Chief Medical Officer at Memorial. “We do take into account approved religious and medical exemptions, which is why some of our organizations don’t have 100% of employees getting the vaccination. However, our proactive vaccination policy ensures that all employees at each facility have been given the opportunity to be immunized prior to the onset of flu season.”

The flu vaccine policy is one of many set in place for advanced patient safety and care. Memorial’s aggressive approach to patient safety has not only earned recognition from patients, but also from national organizations such as a letter grade “A” Hospital Safety Score from The Leapfrog Group last fall.

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