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## Flu Shots: Finish Line Close at Asante Rogue Regional

It's come to this: Asante Rogue Regional Medical Center is right around 10 flu shots away from its annual goal of a 76 percent influenza vaccination rate. If the hospital reaches the target, full-time employees will receive \$100 bonuses in this year's PEAK Awards program.



The most recent weekly report from Asante Employee Health shows the Medford hospital is 11 flu shots away from its goal, but the Employee Health "counter" has the number at eight. Asante Rogue Regional was 35 shots from its goal a week ago, but a group of 27 new employees began work during the week and their flu shot status resulted in a significant jump in the total.

Asante's four other entities – Asante Physician Partners, Asante Three Rivers, Asante Ashland and Asante corporate – all have surpassed their flu shot goals and their employees have qualified for the PEAK bonuses.

As of March 20, a total of 3,631 employees at all Asante entities had received flu shots this winter. That amounts to 78.02 percent of the organization's 4,654 employees.

At Asante Rogue Regional, 1,848 out of 2,447 employees had received vaccinations – 75.52 percent.

Health officials in Oregon and around the country have advised hospitals to let their employees know that flu shots are the best bet for avoiding infection. The protection extends to patients, some of whom are considered especially vulnerable to the potentially life-threatening virus.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control [continues to recommend flu shots](#) for everyone 6 months of age and older as the "first and most important step" in avoiding influenza. Studies indicate that annual vaccination reduces mortality from the flu by 41 percent.

The federal agency warns that flu outbreaks can continue as late as May.

At Asante, free vaccinations are available to all employees at the Employee Health Departments of all three hospitals.

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