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## Asante Rogue Regional Zeroes in on Flu Shot Goal

Asante Rogue Regional Medical Center was fewer than three flu shots from its annual goal – 2.84, to be exact – in the most recent weekly report from Asante Employee Health. If the hospital reaches its target of a 76 percent vaccination rate, full-time employees will receive \$100 bonuses in this year's PEAK Awards program.



The Medford hospital was 11 flu shots from its goal in the previous week's report. 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 27, a total of 3,622 employees at all Asante entities had received flu shots this winter. That amounts to 78.3 percent of the organization's 4,626 employees.

At Asante Rogue Regional, 1,847 out of 2,434 employees had received vaccinations – 75.9 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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