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Dear Gavin

I am unclear too. I have done a lot of work on the flu area for WHO prior to 2017 and taking months -it's all been published; all of that work has been passed to Elin and PHE. I don't have any bandwidth to repeat it and it is not a 3 day job.

1. There is essentially no evidence base for the effect of Covid vaccination of HCW on protection of patients/residents
2. There is plenty of evidence that nosocomial Covid-19 is a problem in acute healthcare and in residential care
3. There is evidence now that CV-19 vaccines reduce transmission and protect from infection (symptomatic and asymptomatic, less so for the latter)
4. On flu there is evidence for higher attack rates in HSCWs.
5. There is adequate evidence that vaccination of staff vs. flu protects residents – but this evidence has been built up mainly in residential care where it's easier to study
6. There is evidence that the most effective strategy for increasing flu uptake is mandation – but this evidence is very largely from USA.
7. There is some old rather scanty data that show 80% uptake of flu is needed in a care home (across both residents and staff) to reduce the probability of outbreaks

If time is short and the deadline is hard then I suggest the WHO work in this area on flu (we concluded it in early 2019) at least has agreement by an international body of experts.

Best wishes

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