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# Health officials strongly urge students to get vaccinated

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"We have been anticipating that this would reach Alberta, which it now appears to have done," Joffe said.

Joffe went on to explain that postsecondary institutions such as the U of A are prime breeding grounds for infectious diseases.

"Congregating large numbers of susceptible college-age students in crowded classrooms [and] bars where they are in close contact, sharing drinks, cigarettes [...] creates the perfect storm for spread of an infectious disease such as mumps," he said.

The life of a university student would be greatly interrupted by mumps. Not only would an infected student have to deal with uncomfortable symptoms like vomiting and swollen glands—including a 40-percent risk of testicular inflammation for men—they would face nine days in isolation.

There is also the risk of complications associated with the disease, including meningitis, deafness, and sterility. With this in mind, the U of A is hoping to get the message out to all students about the issue.

But organizing a campaign of this scale is never easy, and communication is the biggest obstacle to overcome.

"Everyone's busy," Friese said. "We're going into exam season, and people are really focused on their classes. They're being bombarded with information: posters everywhere, email messages, and the news."

The feeling on campus is that students are aware of the issue, but that awareness isn't always enough.

Krystina Silva, third-year Arts student, says she's slightly concerned about the timing of this outbreak with exam season just around the corner, but isn't concerned enough to get the shot.

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**DR MARK JOFFE**  
U OF A ASSOCIATE MEDICINE PROF

"I just don't get immunized in general—not for a flu shot, not for anything really. If I do get mumps, then I guess I'll cross that bridge when I get to it," Silva explained.

Other students are taking more notice and have seriously considered the vaccination.

"I'm thinking about it," said Vanessa Policicchio, a third-year Education student. "I probably will, but I'll talk to my mom first—she's a nurse."

But for those without a nurse in the family, Joffe hopes that students will take advantage of the campaign. He wants to make sure that everyone understands that there's nothing cute about the "chipmunk" appearance of mumps.

"[It] may seem humourous, [but it's] very uncomfortable for a number of days and is associated with fever and feeling pretty miserable."



TARA STIEGLITZ

**GETTING THE WORD OUT** Kevin Friese, associate director of the U of A's Health Centre, hopes all students and staff will get the mumps vaccine.

## Clinics will be held in the following locations on campus:

**26-27 and 29 November (9:30am-4:30pm):**

- Myer Horowitz Theatre, Students' Union Building (Site 1)
- 4th Floor Education Lounge, 4th Floor Education North (Site 2)

**28 November (4pm-9pm):**

- Lister Hall Gymnasium (Site 3)

Capital Health asks that all eligible individuals bring their student ID, Personal Health Number, and immunization record, if available.

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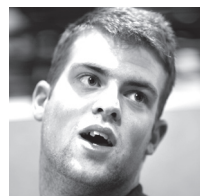
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As you may be aware, there have been mumps outbreaks across Canada, and Capital Health is offering free vaccinations to members of the U of A community.

## Are you planning on being vaccinated?



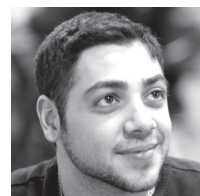
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"Definitely. We're all going on Wednesday [gestures at table-mates]." [Table-mate: "I'm not!"] "Well, okay, me and [one other guy] are."

"I've already been vaccinated because I'm in the military, and she shot me up with everything they have a vaccine for."

"Yeah, I probably will. Depending if I remember that day." [It started today]. "As long as I remember tomorrow, then."

"No." [Mumps can make you sterile, so here's a followup question: what activity will you most miss engaging in with the son you'll never have?]. Probably teaching him to be a player."

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