J. The facility shall provide, or arrange for, the administration to its resident of an annual influenza vaccination and a pneumonia vaccination according to the most recent recommendations for “Prevention and Control of Influenza”

12 VAC 5-371-180. Infection control.
A. The nursing facility shall establish and maintain an infection control program designed to provide a safe, sanitary, and comfortable environment and to prevent the development and transmission of disease and infection.
B. The infection control program shall encompass the entire physical plant and all services.
C. The infection control program addressing the surveillance, prevention and control of facility wide infections shall include:
   1. Procedures to isolate the infecting organism;
   2. Access to handwashing equipment for staff;
   3. Training of staff in proper handwashing techniques, according to accepted professional standards, to prevent cross contamination;
   4. Implementation of universal precautions by direct resident care staff;
   5. Prohibiting employees with communicable diseases or infections from direct contact with residents or their food, if direct contact will transmit disease;
   6. Monitoring staff performance of infection control practices;
   7. Handling, storing, processing and transporting linens, supplies and equipment in a manner that prevents the spread of infection;
   8. Handling, storing, processing and transporting regulated medical waste in accordance with applicable regulations;
   9. Maintaining an effective pest control program; and
   10. Staff education regarding infection risk-reduction behavior.
D. The nursing facility shall report promptly to its local health department diseases designated as “reportable” according to 12 VAC 5-90-80 when such cases are admitted to or are diagnosed in the facility and shall report any outbreak of infectious disease as required by 12 VAC 5-90. An outbreak is defined as an increase in incidence of any infectious disease above the usual incidence at the facility.

12 VAC 5-371-230. Medical direction.
B. The duties of the medical director shall include, but are not limited to:
4. Advising and providing consultation to the nursing facility staff regarding communicable diseases, infection control and isolation procedures, and serving as liaison with local health officials;