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SUBJ: H1N1 INFLUENZA VACCINE EXPIRATION MODIFICATION.

A. ALCOAST 582/09 COMDTNOTE 6010

1. NOVEL INFLUENZA A (H1N1) VACCINE IS MANDATORY FOR ALL COAST GUARD (CG) ACTIVE DUTY (AD) AND SELECTED RESERVE (SELRES) PERSONNEL PER REFERENCE A.
2. CG CLINICS ARE NOW IN RECEIPT OF THE ENTIRE AMOUNT OF H1N1 VACCINE WHICH WAS ALLOCATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD) AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS). TWO MANUFACTURERS, NOVARTIS AND SANOFI PASTEUR, SUPPLIED THE DESIGNATED QUANTITIES OF THE INJECTABLE VACCINE FOR CG USE.
3. H1N1 VACCINE PRODUCT EXPIRATION DATES VARY FROM MARCH 2010 TO JUNE 2011.
4. DHS HAS INSTRUCTED THE CG TO RETAIN ALL CURRENT INVENTORY OF EXCESS H1N1 VACCINE SUPPLIED, REGARDLESS OF THE EXPIRATION DATE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. DO NOT DESTROY OR DISCARD ANY H1N1 VACCINE PRODUCT THAT HAS EXPIRED.
5. EXPIRED H1N1 VACCINE IS NOT TO BE USED FOR PATIENT IMMUNIZATIONS UNLESS DIRECTED BY CG-11.
6. H1N1 VACCINE THAT HAS EXPIRED IS TO REMAIN REFRIGERATED, SEQUESTERED FROM IN-DATE VACCINE AND MONITORED AS PER COLD CHAIN MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES.
7. FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS UPDATE PLEASE CONTACT CG HEALTH, SAFETY, WORK-LIFE SUPPORT ACTIVITY (HSWL SUPACT) PHARMACY OFFICER, CAPT VERNON LEW AT VERNON.T.LEW(AT)USCG.MIL, OR (757) 628-4338 OR CDR DEBORAH THOMPSON BY EMAIL AT DEBORAH.J.THOMPSON(AT)USCG.MIL OR (202) 475-5181.
8. CAPT MICHAEL J. BOQUARD, CHIEF, OFFICE OF HEALTH SERVICES SENDS.
9. INTERNET RELEASE AUTHORIZED.

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