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SUBJ: 2011-2012 ANNUAL INFLUENZA (FLU) IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM A. CIVILIAN
EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH PROGRAM, COMDTINST M12792.3
(SERIES) B. IMMUNIZATIONS AND CHEMOPROPHYLAXIS (JOINT PUBLICATION),
COMDTINST
M6230.4 (SERIES)

1. THE ANNUAL FLU VACCINE IS MANDATORY FOR ALL COAST GUARD (CG) ACTIVE DUTY (AD) AND SELECTED RESERVE (SELRES) PERSONNEL (UNLESS GRANTED AN EXEMPTION). THE SEASONAL FLU VACCINE IS NOW ALSO MANDATORY FOR ALL CG CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER PERSONNEL AND CG CIVILIAN, CONTRACT AND AUXILIARY HEALTHCARE PERSONNEL WHO PROVIDE DIRECT PATIENT CARE IN CG CLINICS. UNITS ARE TO ORDER SUFFICIENT FLU VACCINE TO COVER MANDATORY CG PERSONNEL IN THEIR AOR. AFTER THE MAJORITY OF THE MANDATORY POPULATION HAS BEEN VACCINATED, THE HEALTH, SAFETY, WORK-LIFE FIELD OFFICES (HSWL FO) MAY ISSUE GUIDANCE TO VACCINATE OTHER ELIGIBLE POPULATION AS INDICATED BY PARAGRAPH 6.
2. IN PREPARATION FOR THE 2011-2012 ANNUAL FLU SEASON, ANTICIPATED QUANTITIES WERE FORWARDED TO THE UNITS ASSIGNED REGIONAL PHARMACY EXECUTIVE (RPE) IN FEBRUARY OF 2011. ANY ADDITIONAL REQUESTS FOR VACCINE MUST BE FORWARDED IMMEDIATELY TO THE RPE NLT 22 JULY 2011. THE RPE WILL FORWARD ALL REQUESTS TO HSWL SC PHARMACY OFFICER, NO LATER THAN 29 JULY 2011. SEASONAL FLU VACCINE SUPPLIED BY THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY (DLA), PHILADELPHIA WILL BE ORDERED CENTRALLY FROM THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WORK-LIFE SERVICE CENTER (HSWL SC) AND NOT INDIVIDUALLY BY EACH UNIT.
3. LAST YEAR'S (2010-2011) SEASONAL FLU VACCINE MAY NOT BE USED FOR THE 2011-2012 ANNUAL FLU IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM. IAW LOCAL POLICY/CURRENT FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA) REGULATIONS, PROPERLY DISPOSE OF ANY REMAINING STOCK OF LAST YEARS VACCINE.
4. ELIGIBILITY: AD, SELRES PERSONNEL, DEPLOYING CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES, CIVILIAN HEALTHCARE EMPLOYEES PROVIDING DIRECT PATIENT CARE, AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER PERSONNEL ARE THE HIGHEST PRIORITY GROUPS. OTHER DEERS-ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARIES ENROLLED AT CG CLINICS AND DEEMED HIGH RISK BY THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) CRITERIA ARE THE NEXT HIGHEST PRIORITY. ONCE THESE PRIORITY POPULATIONS ARE IMMUNIZED, CLINICS MAY OFFER THE FLU VACCINE TO ALL OTHER BENEFICIARIES, AND THEN ALL CG CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES AS SUPPLIES ALLOW.
5. MORE INFORMATION ON SEASONAL FLU AND PREVENTIVE MEASURES IS AVAILABLE AT www.CDC.GOV/FLU.
6. FOR GUIDANCE REGARDING PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE TO CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES AND FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE COAST GUARD IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM, REFER TO REFERENCES (A) AND (B).
7. UNITS WITH INDEPENDENT DUTY HEALTH SERVICES TECHNICIANS (IDHS) ASSIGNED, INCLUDING GUAM, SHOULD COORDINATE PROCUREMENT WITH THEIR SUPPORTING CLINIC AND RPE.
8. THE 2011-2012 FLU VACCINE INFORMATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. INFLUENZA VIRUS VACCINE (FLUZONE), USP, 0.50 MIL DOSE, 10 DOSE VIAL FOR IMMUNIZING PERSONS 6 MONTHS OF AGE AND OLDER, CONTAINS THIMEROSAL/PRESERVATIVE.

B. INFLUENZA VIRUS VACCINE (FLUZONE), USP, 0.50 MIL DOSE, PRE-FILLED SYRINGE UNIT, 10S FOR IMMUNIZING PERSONS 36 MONTHS OF AGE AND OLDER, THIMEROSAL/PRESERVATIVE FREE.

C. INFLUENZA VIRUS VACCINE (FLUZONE), USP, 0.25 MIL DOSE, PRE-FILLED SYRINGE UNIT, 10S FOR IMMUNIZING PERSONS 6 MONTHS TO 35 MONTHS OF AGE, THIMEROSAL/PRESERVATIVE FREE.

D. INFLUENZA VIRUS VACCINE (AFLURIA), USP, 0.50 MIL DOSE, 10 DOSE VIAL FOR IMMUNIZING PERSONS 18 YEARS AND OLDER, CONTAINS THIMEROSAL/PRESERVATIVE.

E. INFLUENZA VIRUS VACCINE (AFLURIA), USP, 0.50 MIL DOSE, PRE-FILLED SYRINGE UNIT, 10S FOR IMMUNIZING PERSONS 18 YEARS AND OLDER, THIMEROSAL/PRESERVATIVE FREE.

F. INFLUENZA VIRUS VACCINE, LIVE, ATTENUATED, NASAL SPRAY (FLUMIST), TRIVALENT, 0.2 DOSE, PREFILLED SINGLE USE SPRAYER, 10S FOR IMMUNIZING 2-49 YEARS OF AGE, THIMEROSAL/PRESERVATIVE FREE.

9 MEDIMMUNE WILL ONLY SHIP IN INCREMENTS OF 50 DOSES OR MORE.

MEDIMMUNE WILL CONTACT EACH FACILITY PRIOR TO SHIPPING OF THE VACCINE.

10. NOTE CHANGE IN SHIPPING PROCEDURE: ALL CONUS AND OCONUS SHIPMENTS OF FLU VACCINE, WHICH INCLUDE INJECTABLE AND INTRNASAL DOSAGE FORMS, WILL INCLUDE A TEMPERATURE MONITORING DEVICE (TEMPTALE) THAT IS TO BE ACTIVATED UPON RECEIPT AND FORWARDED IMMEDIATELY TO DLA FOR READING.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR RETURN WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE FLU VACCINE SHIPMENTS. ALL UNITS WILL COMPLY WITH THIS REQUIREMENT OR VACCINE MAY NOT BE RELEASED FOR USE.

11. FLUMIST IS NOT AUTHORIZED FOR AVIATION PERSONNEL.

12. FLUMIST RECEIVING INSTRUCTIONS: CAREFULLY FOLLOW THE RECEIVING AND INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS INCLUDED IN THE SHIPMENT. DOCUMENT THE DATE/TIME THAT THE CONTAINER WAS OPENED AND COMPARE IT TO THE DATE/TIME STAMP ON THE CONTAINER. IF GREATER THAN 72 HOURS, DO NOT USE THE PRODUCT. DO NOT FREEZE THE PRODUCT. UNITS ARE TO IMMEDIATELY STORE FLUMIST IN A REFRIGERATOR UPON RECEIPT OF SHIPMENT.

13. SEASONAL FLU VACCINES ARE AVAILABLE FOR ELIGIBLE TRICARE BENEFICIARIES BY ANY TRICARE AUTHORIZED PROVIDER THROUGH ONE OF THE NETWORK PHARMACIES THAT PARTICIPATES IN THE VACCINATION PROGRAM AT NO COST. TO LOCATE A PARTICIPATING PHARMACY VISIT:

[HTTP://WWW.EXPRESS-SCRIPS.COM/TRICARE/](http://www.express-scrips.com/tricare/) OR CALL 1-877-363-1303. ACTIVE DUTY AND SELRES MEMBERS WHO CHOOSE TO OBTAIN THEIR SEASONAL FLU VACCINE THROUGH THIS AVENUE MUST OBTAIN FLU VACCINE IMMUNIZATION DOCUMENTATION, INCLUDING LOT NUMBER, EXPIRATION DATE AND TYPE OF VACCINE USED (WITH OR WITHOUT PRESERVATIVE) AT THE TIME OF THE IMMUNIZATION AND FORWARD TO THEIR RESPECTIVE CG MEDICAL FACILITY IN A TIMELY MANNER FOR DOCUMENTATION INTO THE MEDICAL READINESS REPORTING SYSTEM (MRRS).

14. NOTE CHANGE IN MRRS CODING FOR 2011-2012 FLU SEASON: THIS YEAR THE INJECTABLE VACCINE WILL HAVE TWO DIFFERENT CODES THAT WILL BE UTILIZED. MRRS CODE 140 IS TO BE USED FOR 2011-2012 FLU VACCINE INJECTABLE THAT IS PRESERVATIVE FREE AND CODE 141 IS TO BE UTILIZED FOR FLU VACCINE INJECTABLE WITH PRESERVATIVE. THE FLUMIST (INTRNASAL) FLU VACCINE CODE REMAINS THE SAME AND SHOULD BE REFLECTED AS 111.

15. THE HIGH DOSE SEASONAL FLU VACCINE INDICATED FOR PEOPLE AGED 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER IS NOT A COVERED TRICARE BENEFIT. CONTRACTS FOR THIS FORM OF THE VACCINE WERE NOT INCLUDED IN CONTRACTING EFFORTS BY DLA AND WILL NOT BE ACQUIRED AS PART OF THE 2011-2012 SEASONAL FLU VACCINE PROGRAM.

16. DIRECT QUESTIONS TO COMDT (CG-112) POC, CAPT DEB THOMPSON, AT (202) 475-5181, OR HSWL SC POC: CDR ANDREW MEAGHER AT (757) 628-4338.

17. CAPT MAURA DOLLYMORE, CHIEF, OFFICE OF HEALTH SERVICES, SENDS.

18. INTERNET RELEASED AUTHORIZED.

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