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SUBJ: 2013-2014 ANNUAL INFLUENZA (FLU) IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM A. Civilian Employee Health Care and Occupational Health Program, COMDTINST M12792.3 (series) B. Immunizations and Chemoprophylaxis, COMDTINST M6230.4 (series) 1. The annual flu vaccine is mandatory for all Coast Guard (CG) active duty (AD) and selected reserve (SELRES) personnel, Child Development Services personnel (including CG certified Family Child Care Providers), and CG civilian, contract and auxiliary healthcare personnel who provide direct patient care in CG Regional Practice clinics (unless granted an exemption). The annual flu vaccine is optional for recreation assistants and aides for youth programs at Borinquen, Cape Cod, Kodiak and Petaluma.

2. Seasonal flu vaccine supplied by the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), Philadelphia will be ordered centrally by the Health, Safety, and Work-Life Service Center (HSWL SC) and not individually by each unit.

3. The 2012-2013 flu vaccine may not be used for the 2013-2014 flu immunization program. In accordance with local policy and current Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations, properly dispose of any remaining stock of the 2012-2013 vaccine.

4. Eligibility: After mandatory groups (as listed in paragraph 1), the next highest priority groups are deploying civilian employees and other DEERS-eligible beneficiaries enrolled at CG Regional Practice clinics and deemed high risk by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) criteria. Once these priority populations are immunized, CG Regional Practice clinics may offer the flu vaccine to all other beneficiaries, and 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 provisions of health care to civilian employees and for additional information on the Coast Guard Immunization Program, refer to REF A and B.

7. Units with Independent Duty Health Services Technicians (IDHS) assigned, including Guam, should coordinate procurement with their supporting Regional Practice clinic and Regional Pharmacy Executive (RPE).

8. The Military Vaccine Agency (MILVAX) website is currently updating specifics for the 2013-14 flu vaccine season. Cold chain management and seasonal flu vaccine training will be available on this website, [http://www.vaccines.mil/Influenza\(UNDERSCORE\)-\(UNDERSCORE\)Seasonal](http://www.vaccines.mil/Influenza(UNDERSCORE)-(UNDERSCORE)Seasonal) in the very near future.

9. The 2013-2014 flu vaccine information is as follows:

a. Influenza virus vaccine (FLUZONE), Trivalent, 0.50 ml dose, 10 dose vial for immunizing persons 6 months of age and older, contains thimerosal/preservative.

b. Influenza virus vaccine (FLUZONE), Trivalent, 0.50 ml dose, prefilled syringe unit, 10s for immunizing persons 6 months of age and older, thimerosal/preservative free.

c. Influenza virus vaccine (FLUZONE), Trivalent, 0.25 ml dose, prefilled syringe unit, 10s for immunizing persons 6 months to 35 months of age, thimerosal/preservative free.

d. Influenza virus vaccine (AFLURIA), Trivalent, 0.50 ml dose, 10 dose vial for immunizing persons 9 years and older, contains thimerosal/preservative.

e. Influenza virus vaccine (FLUCELVAX), Cell Culture-Based Trivalent, 0.50 ml dose, prefilled syringe unit, 10s for immunizing persons 18 years and older, preservative free.

f. Influenza virus vaccine (FLUVIRIN), Trivalent, 0.50 ml dose, prefilled syringe unit, 10s for immunizing persons 4 years of age or older, preservative free

g. Influenza virus vaccine (FLUMIST), Quadrivalent, intranasal spray 0.2 ml dose, prefilled single use sprayer, 10s for immunizing 2-49 years of age, thimerosal/preservative free.

10. MedImmune (supplier of FLUMIST) will only ship in increments of 50 doses or more. MedImmune will contact each facility prior to shipping of the vaccine. FLUMIST is not authorized for personnel in active flight or diving status. 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.

11. All CONUS and OCONUS shipments of flu vaccine, which include injectable and intranasal dosage forms, will include a temperature monitoring device (TEMPTALE) that is to be deactivated 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.

The notation and forwarding of the tracking number will be forwarded to HSWL SC flu vaccine coordinator.

12. Seasonal flu vaccines are available for eligible TRICARE beneficiaries by any TRICARE authorized provider through one of the participating network pharmacies at no cost to the beneficiary. To locate a participating pharmacy visit:

<http://www.express-scrips.com/tricare/> or call 1-877-363-1303. For AD and SELRES personnel receiving the flu vaccine through the TRICARE pharmacy benefit, their vaccine information will be automatically transferred into DEERS. Regional Practice clinic staff and health services personnel must upload vaccine information into MRRS via the following method:

- a. Go to the IMMUNE tab in MRRS.
- b. Select DEERS in the align column (for influenza).
- c. Select ADD to flu immunization date.

13. MRRS coding for 2013-2014 flu season: Injectable vaccine will have three different codes that will be utilized.

a. CVX Code 140: For documenting single-dose syringes or vials, these are made without a preservative to include thimerosal. (Fluzone, Afluria, Fluvirin, Agriflu, Fluarix).

b. CVX Code 141: For documenting multidose vials, these are made with a preservative. (Fluzone, Afluria, Fluvirin, Flulaval).

c. CVX Code 149: For documenting a single-dose intranasal sprayer. This year the product will be a quadrivalent, intranasal, live-attenuated, vaccine. (FluMist).

d. CVX Code 153: For documenting single-dose syringes of the MOCK cell-culture influenza vaccine, these are made without a preservative to include Thimerosal (Flucelvax).

e. Additional CVX codes for the high-dose, intradermal, injectable quadrivalent, and recombinant vaccines are also available. DoD and CG did not contract for these products but these codes have been included in MRRS and the Coast Guard Business Intelligence system.

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16. Internet release authorized.

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