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SUBJ: 2013-2014 SEASONAL 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 seasonal flu vaccine is mandatory for all Coast Guard Active Duty (AD) and Selected Reserve (SELRES) personnel to ensure force medical readiness and avoid disruption of Coast Guard missions. In accordance with REF A, the seasonal flu vaccine is also mandatory for Child Development Services personnel (including certified Family Child Care Providers) and civilian, contract, and Auxiliary healthcare personnel who provide direct patient care in clinics. The annual flu vaccine is optional for recreation assistants and aides for youth programs at Borinquen, Cape Cod, Kodiak, and Petaluma.
2. The seasonal flu vaccine is available in two forms at CG HSWL Regional Practice sites: nasal spray (Flumist) or injectable. Flumist can be used for individuals aged 2-49 years who have no medical contraindications. Flumist is not authorized for personnel on active flight or diving status.
3. Commanding officers are responsible for ensuring medical readiness, including the seasonal flu vaccine. Personnel may receive the flu vaccine as supplies become available. A vaccination rate of 90 percent is targeted NLT 16 December 2013. Exemptions to the flu vaccine may be considered in accordance with REFs A and B.
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