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SUBJ: 2016-2017 ANNUAL INFLUENZA (FLU) IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

A. Immunizations and Chemoprophylaxis, COMDTINST M6230.4 (series)

B. Defense Health Agency Interim Procedures Memorandum 16-002, 2016-2017 Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Program

1. The flu vaccine is mandatory for all Coast Guard (CG) active duty (AD) and selected reserve (SELRES) personnel. It is also required for contract and auxiliary healthcare personnel who provide direct patient care in CG clinics as outlined in REF (A). To comply with financial policies, CG civilian employees and non-appropriated fund (NAF) employees are no longer authorized to receive the flu vaccination at CG clinics.

2. REF (B) at

https://www.vaccines.mil/documents/4906_DHA-IPM_16-002_FluMemo.pdf

provides information regarding vaccine handling and disposition. All CG Senior Health Services Officers, patient-centered medical homes, pharmacy services, ships, aid stations, and medical logistics/supply sections that administer or order/receive/store influenza vaccine must be familiar with it.

3. The 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. Consult REF (B) for ordering procedures.

4. Last year's (2015-2016) flu vaccine may not be used for the 2016-2017 annual flu immunization program. In accordance with local policy and current Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations, properly dispose of any remaining stock of last year's vaccine.

5. Additional information on seasonal flu and preventive measures is available at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website - <http://www.cdc.gov/flu>.

6. The Defense Health Agency Immunization Healthcare Branch (formerly the Military Vaccine Agency) website, https://www.vaccines.mil/Influenza_-_Seasonal has updated information for the 2016-2017 flu vaccine program. Cold chain management and this year's flu vaccine training will be available through the Joint Knowledge Online platform on or about

15 Aug 2016 at <http://jko.jten.mil/>.

7. The 2016-2017 flu vaccine information is as follows:

a. Influenza virus vaccine (AFLURIA), Trivalent; 0.5 mL single dose prefilled syringe, 10s for immunizing persons 9 years and older, preservative/latex free.

b. Influenza virus vaccine (AFLURIA), Trivalent; 0.5 mL dose, multi-dose 5 mL vial for immunizing persons 9 years and older, contains thimerosal.

c. Influenza virus vaccine (FLULAVAL), Quadrivalent; 0.5 mL dose, multi-dose 5 mL vial for immunizing persons 3 years and older, contains thimerosal.

d. Influenza virus vaccine (FLUARIX), Quadrivalent; 0.5 mL single dose, prefilled syringe, 10s for immunizing persons 3 years and older, preservative free.

e. Influenza virus vaccine (FLUZONE), Quadrivalent; 0.25 mL single dose, prefilled syringe, 10s for immunizing persons 6 months to 35 months of age, preservative free.

8. FLUMIST is not recommended for use this year by the CDC's Advisory Committee on

Immunization Practices (ACIP). FLUMIST does not fulfill Coast Guard Individual

Medical Readiness (IMR) requirements and is not acceptable to fulfill the vaccination requirement for Health Care Workers who provide direct patient care,

Child Development Services personnel (including certified Family Child Care Providers), and recreation personnel in the youth programs at Borinquen, Cape Cod, Kodiak, and Petaluma (REF A).

9. All CONUS and OCONUS shipments of flu vaccine will include a temperature monitoring device that is to be deactivated upon receipt and forwarded immediately to DLA for reading IAW REF (B). 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 the HSWL SC flu vaccine coordinator, CAPT Daniel L. Hasenfang (contact info in paragraph 14).

10. 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-scripts.com/tricare/> or call 1-877-363-1303.

11. MRRS coding for the 2016-2017 flu season is as follows:

a. CVX Code 140: For documenting (trivalent) single-dose syringes; these are made without preservative (AFLURIA).

b. CVX Code 141: For documenting (trivalent) multi-dose vials; these are made with preservative (AFLURIA).

c. CVX Code 150: For documenting (quadrivalent) single-dose syringes; these are made without preservative (FLUARIX).

d. CVX Code 158: For documenting (quadrivalent) multi-dose vials; these are made with preservative (FLULAVAL)

e. CVX Code 161: For documenting (quadrivalent) single-dose syringes; these are

made without preservative, pediatric (FLUZONE).

f. DLA did not contract for additional influenza products, but there are other influenza related CVX codes. These codes may be used when transcribing records that include those products.

12. 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. The following CG clinics have been designated DoD Sentinel Sites - Base Portsmouth, Sector Mobile, Sector North Bend, Coast Guard Academy, Base Miami, Air Station Miami, Air Station Borinquen, and Sector San Juan. These sites should submit 6 to 10 respiratory specimens per week obtained from patients meeting the influenza-like-illness case definition.

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15. CAPT Gerald N. Taylor, Chief of Health Services (acting), CG-112, sends.

16. Internet release authorized.

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