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SUBJ: 2017-2018 ANNUAL INFLUENZA (FLU) IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

A. Immunizations and Chemoprophylaxis for the Prevention of Infectious Diseases, COMDTINST M6230.4 (series)
B. Coast Guard Medical Manual, COMDTINST M6000.1 (series).
C. Civilian Employee Health Care and Occupational Health Program, COMDTINST M12792.3 (series).

D. Defense Health Agency Interim Procedures Memorandum 17-005, 2017-2018 Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Program.

1. Flu vaccination 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 REFs (A) through (C), the seasonal flu vaccine is also mandatory for Child Development Services personnel (including certified Family Child Care Providers); civilian, contract, and Auxiliary healthcare personnel who provide direct patient care; and recreation personnel in the youth programs at Borinquen, Cape Cod, Kodiak, and Petaluma.

2. 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.

3. REF (D) at

<https://health.mil/Policies/2017/08/03/DHA-IIPM-17-005-2017-18-Seasonal-Influenza-Vaccination-Program> provides information regarding vaccine handling and disposition.

4. 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 (D) for ordering procedures.

5. Last year's (2016-2017) flu vaccine may not be used for the 2017-2018 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. Last year's vaccine will be disposed of according to the program/instructions found at http://www.usamma.amedd.army.mil/assets/apps/nala_qaweb/message.cfm?MSG=MMQC-17-1236. A new Medical Materiel Quality Control Message with instructions for disposing of 2017-18 vaccine will be issued by the United States Army Medical Materiel Agency in spring 2018.

6. 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>.

7. The Defense Health Agency Immunization Healthcare Branch website, <https://health.mil/Military-Health-Topics/Health-Readiness/Immunization-Healthcare/Vaccine-Preventable-Diseases/Influenza-Seasonal>, has updated information for the 2017-2018 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 2017 at <https://jkodirect.jten.mil/Atlas2/page/desktop/DesktopHome.jsf>.

8. The 2017-2018 flu vaccine information is as follows:

a. Influenza virus vaccine (FLUCELVAX), Quadrivalent; 0.5 mL single dose pre-filled syringe, 10 syringes without needles per package, for immunizing

persons 4 years old and older, preservative free, CG has ordered this vaccine.

b. Influenza virus vaccine (FLUARIX), Quadrivalent; 0.5 mL single dose prefilled syringe, 10 syringes without needles per package, for immunizing persons 3 years old and older, preservative free, CG has ordered this vaccine.

c. Influenza virus vaccine (FLULAVAL), Quadrivalent; 0.5 mL single dose prefilled syringe, 10 syringes without needles per package, for immunizing persons 6 months old and older, preservative free, CG has ordered this vaccine.

d. Influenza virus vaccine (FLULAVAL), Quadrivalent; 5 mL multidose vial containing 10 count 0.5 mL doses, for immunizing persons 6 months old and older, contains thimerosol, not ordered by CG.

e. Influenza virus vaccine (FLUCELVAX), Quadrivalent; 5 mL multidose vial containing 10 count 0.5 mL doses, for immunizing persons 4 years old and older, preservative free, not ordered by CG.

9. FLUMIST is not recommended for use this year by the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). FLUMIST does not fulfill CG Individual Medical Readiness (IMR) requirements and is not acceptable to fulfill the vaccination requirement for healthcare personnel 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.

10. 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 (D). 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 15).

11. 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:

<https://www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE/pharmacy/findpharmacy.shtml> or call 1-877-363-1303 (press option #4).

12. MRRS coding for the 2017-2018 flu season is as follows:

a. CVX Code 171: For documenting immunizations using FLUCELVAX single dose prefilled syringes.

b. CVX Code 150: For documenting immunizations using FLUARIX and FLULAVAL single dose prefilled syringes.

c. CVX Code 158: For documenting immunizations using FLULAVAL multidose vials.

d. CVX Code 186: For documenting immunizations using FLUCELVAX multidose vials.

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

f. Do not use CVX codes 15, 16, 111, or 153. These codes are inactive for this season.

13. 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.

14. The following CG clinics have been designated DoD Sentinel Sites - Sector North Bend, Coast Guard Academy, and Air Station Borinquen. 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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16. CAPT Gerald N. Taylor, Chief of Health Services (acting), CG-112, sends.

17. Internet release authorized.