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SUBJ/2016-17 ANNUAL INFLUENZA VACCINE GUIDANCE//

REF/A/DOC/BUMED WASHINGTON DC /20150815//

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REF/C/DOC/CNO WASHINGTON DC/20091123//

NARR/REF A IS THE DHA-IPM INTERIM PROCEDURES MEMORANDUM 16-002,

2016-1017 SEASONAL INFLUENZA VACCINATION PROGRAM. REF B IS

BUMEDINST 6230.15B, IMMUNIZATIONS AND CHEMOPROPHYLAXIS. REF C

IS THE CIVILIAN HEALTH AND MEDICAL PROGRAM OF THE UNIFORMED

SERVICES (CHAMPUS)/TRICARE INCLUSION OF RETAIL NETWORK

PHARMACIES AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER TRICARE-COVERED VACCINES.//

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RMKS/1. SITUATION. INFLUENZA (FLU) IS A HIGHLY CONTAGIOUS

DISEASE THAT HAS THE POTENTIAL TO ADVERSELY IMPACT FORCE

READINESS AND MISSION EXECUTION. A TIMELY COMPREHENSIVE

VACCINATION PROGRAM MUST BE ENFORCED BY LEADERSHIP THROUGHOUT

THE MARINE CORPS TO MITIGATE MISSION RISK. MAXIMUM AND EARLY FLU

VACCINATION COMPLIANCE REDUCES SEVERITY OF DISEASE FOR THOSE

PERSONNEL WHO BECOME EXPOSED TO THE VIRUS AND STRENGTHENS THE

FORCE'S ABILITY TO LIMIT SPREAD OF THE DISEASE.//

2. MISSION. PROVIDE IMPLEMENTATION GUIDANCE TO ALL I MEF UNITS

FOR THE 2016-17 MANDATORY ANNUAL FLU VACCINATION PROGRAM. PER

REF A, THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD) FLU VACCINATION GOAL IS

TO EXCEED 90 PERCENT IMMUNIZATION OF ALL ACTIVE DUTY AND RESERVE

COMPONENT PERSONNEL BY 15 DECEMBER 2016, WITH 100 PERCENT

COMPLIANCE BEING THE DESIRED ENDSTATE.//

3. EXECUTION (VACCINE ADMINISTRATION).//

3.A. PER REFS A AND B, THE FLU VACCINATION IS MANDATORY FOR ALL DOD UNIFORMED PERSONNEL WHO ARE NOT MEDICALLY OR ADMINISTRATIVELY PERMANENT EXEMPT. ANY REFUSAL TO RECEIVE THE FLU VACCINE WILL CONSTITUTE A FAILURE TO OBEY A LAWFUL ORDER AND MAY BE PUNISHABLE UNDER THE UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE (UCMJ) AND/OR RESULT IN ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION.//

3.B. THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL (CDC) VACCINE INFORMATION SHEETS MUST BE REVIEWED BY EACH MILITARY MEMBER PRIOR TO VACCINATION.//

3.C. FLU VACCINATION TRAINING SHALL BE COMPLETED AND DOCUMENTED FOR ALL VACCINE ADMINSTRATORS (I.E. PROVIDERS/CORPSMEN) PRIOR TO IMMUNIZING. TRAINING CAN BE OBTAINED FROM DHA (FORMALLY MILVAX) AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

[HTTPS://JKODIRECT.JTEN.MIL/ATLAS2/PAGE/LOGIN/LOGIN.JSF?ORG=MHS//](https://jkodirect.jten.mil/atlas2/page/login/login.jsf?org=mhs//)

3.D. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.//

3.D.1. FOR THE 2016-17 INFLUENZA SEASON, FLUMIST WILL NOT BE MADE AVAILABLE FROM DOD VACCINE DISTRIBUTORS AS IT IS NO LONGER AN AUTHORIZED FLU VACCINE ALTERNATIVE FOR ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL. ONLY INJECTABLE INACTIVATED INFLUENZA VACCINES COMPRISE THE DOD INFLUENZA VACCINE SUPPLY FOR THE 2016-2017 INFLUENZA SEASON. PER THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC), ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON IMMUNIZATION PRACTICES (ACIP), THE INTRA-NASAL LIVE ATTENUATED INFLUENZA VACCINES IS DEEMED INEFFECTIVE AND WILL NOT BE PROVIDED THIS YEAR.//

3.D.2. REF B PROVIDES GROUNDING REQUIREMENTS FOR AVIATION PERSONNEL AFTER VACCINATIONS. ALL PERSONNEL IN AN ACTIVE FLYING STATUS REQUIRE A 12-HOUR GROUNDING PERIOD FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF THE TRIVALENT INACTIVATED VACCINE (INJECTABLE).//

3.E. ADVERSE REACTIONS. IN THE EVENT OF AN ADVERSE REACTION, MEMBERS SHALL REPORT TO MEDICAL FOR EVALUATION AND TREATMENT. PROVIDERS SHALL COMPLETE AND SUBMIT A VACCINE ADVERSE EVENT REPORT. INSTRUCTIONS CAN BE FOUND AT THE VAERS.HHS.GOV WEBSITE WHICH IS ALSO REFERENCED WITHIN THE MRRS IMMUNIZATION REACTION SECTION.//

3.F. ALTERNATE VACCINATION OPTION.//

3.F.1. REF C ALLOWS TRICARE PRIME ENROLLED MEMBERS, WHICH INCLUDES ALL ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS, TO USE TRICARE AUTHORIZED PHARMACIES TO RECEIVE THE SEASONAL INFLUENZA VACCINE AS PART OF THEIR PHARMACY BENEFIT. NOTE: THERE SHOULD BE NO COST FOR ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL OR OTHER TRICARE PRIME BENEFICIARIES TO USE THIS OPTION. HOWEVER, TRICARE WILL NOT PAY FOR FLUMIST IF AVAILABLE AT ANY TRICARE AUTHORIZED PHARMACIES.//

3.F.2. PERSONNEL USING THIS OPTION MUST PROVIDE THEIR MRRS REPRESENTATIVE AND MEDICAL FACILITY DOCUMENTATION OF THE MANUFACTURER, LOT NUMBER, AMOUNT (0.5ML), LOCATION GIVEN (RIGHT ARM, LEFT ARM), AND DATE OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE VACCINE WITHIN 1 BUSINESS DAY FOR INCLUSION IN MRRS AND THEIR MEDICAL RECORD.

NOTE: MRRS MAY ACCEPT FLUMIST AS A VALID INFLUENZA VACCINATION, BUT DOD WILL NOT.//

4. ADMIN AND LOGISTICS.//

4.A. ADMIN - DOCUMENTATION.//

4.A.1. MEDICAL SCREENS. PRIOR TO VACCINATION, ALL PERSONNEL MUST BE SCREENED TO DETERMINE MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY OR PERMANENT EXEMPTION FOR FLU VACCINE. MEDICAL SCREENS MUST BE DOCUMENTED (TYPICALLY ON DD FORM SF-600) AND ENTERED INTO EACH MEMBERS' HEALTH RECORD.//

4.A.2. VACCINATIONS. ALL VACCINATIONS SHALL BE DOCUMENTED ON A DD FORM SF-601 OR SF-2766, AND ENTERED INTO EACH SERVICE MEMBERS HEALTH RECORD.//

4.A.3. MEDICAL READINESS REPORTING SYSTEM (MRRS). PER REF A, MRRS SHALL BE USED TO RECORD VACCINATION DATA AND MONITOR INDIVIDUAL/UNIT COMPLIANCE. PRIOR TO CONDUCTING VACCINATIONS, PROVIDERS SHALL ENSURE MRRS IS ADJUSTED TO INDICATE THAT INFLUENZA VACCINE IS "REQUIRED" FOR ALL PERSONNEL TO ENSURE FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THIS PROGRAM. DELINQUENT PERSONNEL SHALL BE IDENTIFIED BY THE COMMAND AND DIRECTED TO RECEIVE THE VACCINE AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. NOTE: MRRS PROVIDES UNITS AND MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDERS "DRILL-DOWN CAPABILITY" TO TRACK UNIT AND/OR INDIVIDUAL COMPLIANCE. IF A COMMAND DOES NOT HAVE ACCESS TO MRRS, CONTACT MESSAGE POCS FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE.//

4.B. LOGISTICS - VACCINE PROCUREMENT.//

4.B.1. I MEF UNITS CAN OBTAIN VACCINE VIA THE NORMAL IMMUNIZATION SUPPLY CHAIN THROUGH THEIR MSC HSSE. EACH MSC HSSE SHALL SEND REQUESTS TO THE MEF FORCE SURGEON OFFICE FOR ENDORSEMENT AND COORDINATION OF VACCINE PROCUREMENT. POCS ARE: HMC DIKITANAN, HM1 CARDONA OR MR. CORTEZ AT COMM: (760)725-9000/DSN: 365-9000; OR EMAIL: IMEFHSSE@USMC.MIL. NOTE: CURRENTLY, VACCINE IS UNAVAILABLE, BUT I MEF HSS ANTICIPATES RECEIPT OF INITIAL SHIPMENT NLT 1 OCTOBER 2106. UNITS SHOULD ENSURE THEY PLAN PROPERLY AND REQUEST SUFFICIENT VACCINE TO ACHIEVE 90 PERCENT COMPLIANCE BY 15 DEC 2016.//

4.B.2. I MEF UNITS THAT WILL DEPLOY WITHIN 90 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE WILL HAVE TOP PRIORITY FOR VACCINE DISTRIBUTION. HOWEVER, UNITS MUST SUBMIT SEPARATE IMMUNIZATION REQUESTS FOR EACH ELEMENT (OR SMALL GROUP) OF PERSONNEL TO ENSURE VACCINE SUPPLY MEETS DEMAND. INDICATE DEPLOYMENT STATUS, NUMBER OF DOSES REQUIRED, AND DEPLOYMENT DATE IOT DETERMINE PRIORITY FOR VACCINE DISTRIBUTION.//

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL. THIS GUIDANCE IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UNTIL 1 JULY 2017.//

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