



OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1200

JAN 20 2010

HEALTH AFFAIRS

MEMORANDUM FOR SURGEON GENERAL, ARMY
SURGEON GENERAL, NAVY
SURGEON GENERAL, AIR FORCE
DIRECTOR, MILITARY VACCINE AGENCY

SUBJECT: 2009 H1N1 Vaccine for Department of Defense Beneficiaries

The supply of 2009 H1N1 vaccine has significantly improved throughout the United States. The vaccine is widely available and can be given without restriction to individuals desiring protection. The Department of Defense (DoD) has received and distributed all 2.7 million doses of the 2009 H1N1 vaccine allocated to meet operational requirements. Vaccine intended for the Federal Employee Vaccine Program will continue to be distributed, as will vaccine provided through the State Vaccine Allocation Program. Adequate supplies are now present within DoD to immunize all categories of beneficiary.

It is imperative that DoD attain the highest vaccine coverage possible to ensure the readiness of uniformed Service members and to prevent morbidity and mortality in our family member and retiree populations. Any administrative obstacles to vaccination should be removed or minimized.

At this time, all categories of DoD beneficiary are eligible for vaccination with the 2009 H1N1 vaccine, regardless of vaccine origin. Vaccine received through the State or DoD distribution systems can be used without restriction for any DoD beneficiary. No eligible DoD beneficiary will be refused vaccination if sufficient supply exists at the military medical treatment facility.

My point of contact for this issue is COL Wayne E. Hachey. He can be reached at (703) 575-2669, or at Wayne.Hachey@ha.osd.mil.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald L. Noah".

Donald L. Noah, Col, USAF, BSC
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense
Force Health Protection and Readiness

cc:
Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard