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2011-12 SEASONAL INFLUENZA VACCINATION PROGRAM UPDATE

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1. DoD Influenza Vaccination Policies

All of the Seasonal influenza Service messages & policies have been released and may be viewed on the MILVAX website. A copy of the Army seasonal influenza vaccination program ALARACT and implementation guidelines is also available on the MILVAX website. If you have any questions, please contact your MILVAX Regional Analyst.

Service Messages & Policies --

<http://www.vaccines.mil/default.aspx?cnt=resource/servicesAll&dID=30>

<http://www.vaccines.mil/default.aspx?cnt=resource/policiesAll&dID=30>

2. Forms for Your Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Program

MILVAX has updated all of the Seasonal Influenza Vaccination forms to assist locations providing the 2011-12 vaccine. Due to DoD restrictions MILVAX will not be publishing 2011-12 Influenza Screening forms however, we have put together a list of recommended screening questions for adults and pediatric/adolescents that should assist you in development of a screening form that meets local requirements and needs. For additional information or guidance please contact your regional analyst.

Available 2011-12 Seasonal Influenza Vaccination forms include --

- Recommended Influenza Vaccine screening questions: Adult & Pediatric/Adolescent
- Influenza Competency Form: Intranasal & Injectable Vaccine
- Influenza Standing Order: Adult & Children and Adolescents
- Influenza Clinic Supply Check List - a checklist for supplies and equipment when providing immunizations at an off-site location
- DoD Influenza Vaccination Documentation Wallet Card - a business card template for documentation of the 2011-12 seasonal influenza vaccine

- Pediatric Influenza 2nd Dose Reminder Card - a reminder card template for children who need to receive a second dose of the 2011-12 seasonal influenza vaccine.

<http://www.vaccines.mil/default.aspx?cnt=resource/formsDisease&dID=30>

3. Influenza Vaccine Training Modules

The 2011-12 MILVAX influenza training is now live and open for enrollment. This two hour course provides baseline instruction on the administration and management of the DoD influenza program. The 5 modules include an introduction to the DoD influenza program, influenza disease, screening and vaccine administration, storage and handling, and adverse events management. Once all the modules have been viewed individuals should receive a completion certificate.

Take the Training --

<http://www.vaccines.mil/default.aspx?cnt=ImzU/SeasonalInfluenzaTraining>

4. 2011-2012 ACIP Influenza Recommendations Summary

On 18 August the CDC published the early release of the 2011 Prevention and Control of Influenza with Vaccines: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunizations Practices.

The recommendation contains the following updates:

- Vaccine Doses for Children Aged 6 mo through 8 years
 - Children whose previous vaccination status is unknown or who did not receive at least 1 dose of the 2010-2011 seasonal flu vaccine should receive 2 doses of influenza vaccine separated by at least 4 weeks
 - Children who received at least 1 dose of the 2010-2011 seasonal flu vaccine will only need 1 dose this year (this is a change from previous years)
- Children 9 years and older will receive 1 dose this year
- Sanofi Pasteur newly licensed Fluzone Intradermal vaccine is the newest Trivalent seasonal influenza vaccine available in the US. This vaccine is licensed for individuals 18 through 64 years. The vaccine is administered via a single-dose, prefilled microinjection syringe, intradermally in the deltoid.
- To help distinguish an allergy to the vaccine from an allergy to eggs the ACIP has updated the egg allergy screening algorithm. The algorithm assists providers in the steps for properly screening an individual who reports an allergy to eggs.
 - Persons who have ONLY experienced hives following egg exposure should be administered TIV by a provider who is familiar with manifestation of egg allergy. Vaccine recipients should be observed for at least 30 minutes following vaccination.
 - Persons who report other systemic reactions in addition to hives after egg exposure should be exempted until evaluated by a physician with expertise in management of allergic conditions for further risk assessment.

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/wk/mm60e0818.pdf>

5. Influenza Vaccine Storage and Handling Helpful Hints

Remember when handling the seasonal influenza vaccine to always:

- Maintain refrigerator temperature at 35-46°F (2-8°C). DO NOT FREEZE vaccine
- Use CDC or USAMMA approved storage devices for off-site use
- Check the refrigerator at a minimum twice a day and hourly when transporting or storing vaccine in a cooler off-site
- Document all temperatures on a temp log
- Refrain from pre-filling syringes
- Discard all pre-filled syringes (not filled by manufacturer), all single dose vials without caps, FluMist sprayers without tip caps, and manufacturer filled syringes with needles added by vaccination staff, at the end of the clinic day. The items listed may not be used at subsequent vaccination events.
- Always shake syringes, vials and sprayers before withdrawal and administration of vaccine

For more on storage and handling of the Influenza vaccine --

<http://vaccines.mil/default.aspx?cnt=resource/StorageAndHandlingDisease&dID=30>

USAMMA

<http://www.usamma.army.mil/>

CDC Vaccine Storage and Handling

<http://www2a.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/shtoolkit/default.htm>

MILVAX Influenza Information

<http://www.vaccines.mil/flu>

Military Vaccine Agency

<http://www.vaccines.mil>

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