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REF/D/DOC/ CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC)/

NARR/REF A IS RECENTLY RELEASED POLICY FOR ANNUAL SEASONAL

INFLUENZA VACCINE 2009-2010. REF B IS PACKAGE INSERT ON VACCINE

ACQUIRED BY DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD) FOR ASSURANCE OF

OPERATIONAL READINESS THROUGH VACCINATION OF ALL MISSION

CRITICAL PERSONNEL AVAILABLE AT

[HTTP://WWW.FDA.GOV/DOWNLOADS/BIOLOGICSBLOODVACCINES/VACCINES/APPROVEDPRODUCTS/UCM182242.PDF](http://www.fda.gov/downloads/biologicsbloodvaccines/vaccines/approvedproducts/ucm182242.pdf). REF C IS BUMED INITIAL

GUIDANCE FOR H1N1 INFLUENZA A VACCINE. REF D IS H1N1 GUIDANCE FROM CDC ON HYGIENE AND OTHER METHODS OF CONTROL OF H1N1 INFLUENZA VIRUS AVAILABLE AT [HTTP://WWW.CDC.GOV/H1N1FLU/GUIDANCE///](http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance/)

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1. THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS. THE COMMANDANT HAS AUTHORIZED TRANSMISSION TO MARINE CORPS ACTIVITIES.
2. THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES UPDATES ON THE ACQUISITION, PRIORITIZATION, AND ADMINISTRATION OF NOVEL H1N1 INFLUENZA VACCINE TO MILITARY AND CIVILIAN BENEFICIARIES AND CIVILIAN HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL WHO PROVIDE DIRECT PATIENT CARE. THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES INFORMATION ON THE DISTRIBUTION STRATEGY ONLY; ORDERING INFORMATION WILL BE RELEASED AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.
3. NOVEL H1N1 INFLUENZA VACCINE HAS BEEN ACQUIRED BY UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AGENCIES FROM SEVERAL SOURCES AND WILL BE AVAILABLE VIA DIFFERENT ORDERING AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS FOR DOD PERSONNEL: (1) DOD WILL PROVIDE VACCINE TO ASSURE OPERATIONAL CONTINUITY VIA CURRENT INFLUENZA VACCINE SUPPLY SYSTEMS PROVIDED IN REF A. THE REQUISITION AND DISTRIBUTION PROCESS IS NOW IN PLACE AT NAVY MEDICINE LOGISTICS COMMAND (NAVMEDLOGCOM) AND DEFENSE SUPPLY CENTER PHILADELPHIA (DSCP), AND THEY WILL BE PREPARED TO RECEIVE ORDERS FOR NOVEL H1N1 INFLUENZA A VACCINE BY EARLY OCTOBER. DOD HAS PURCHASED 10-DOSE MULTIDOSE VIALS FROM NOVARTIS VACCINES AND BIOLOGICALS LIMITED. SEE REF B FOR PACKAGE INSERT INFORMATION ON THIS VACCINE. THIS VACCINE IS GIVEN IN A SINGLE INTRAMUSCULAR INJECTION. (2) DOD WILL NOT SUPPLY VACCINE FOR OTHER CONUS BENEFICIARIES AND RETIREES AS THESE PERSONS WILL RECEIVE VACCINE SUPPLIED BY STATE HEALTH AGENCIES AND ADMINISTERED BY NAVY MEDICAL TREATMENT FACILITIES (MTFS). MTFS MUST REGISTER WITH STATES AS PER PARAGRAPH 5 OF REF C TO RECEIVE VACCINE FROM STATE HEALTH. CONUS BENEFICIARIES WHO GO TO AN MTF WHICH HAS NOT REGISTERED WITH THE STATE AS A DISTRIBUTION CENTER MUST SEEK THE VACCINE FROM THE STATE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM. (3) DOD WILL ALSO PROVIDE TO OCONUS SITES VACCINE RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (DHHS) FOR CIVILIAN BENEFICIARIES AND RETIREES. NEGOTIATIONS ARE STILL UNDERWAY WITH DHHS REGARDING THE TYPE AND MANUFACTURER OF THIS VACCINE.
4. WE ANTICIPATE SUFFICIENT SUPPLY OF VACCINE DURING THE COMING WEEKS AND MONTHS TO PROVIDE VACCINE TO EVERY PERSON WHO IS REQUIRED TO BE VACCINATED AS WELL TO OFFER IT TO OTHERS.
5. BUMED WILL PROVIDE TWO SEPARATE MESSAGES IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO INITIATE ORDERING. THIS MESSAGE DOES NOT AUTHORIZE

ORDER PLACEMENT FOR NOVEL H1N1 INFLUENZA A VACCINE AND IS FOR PRELIMINARY INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY. THE FIRST MESSAGE WILL OUTLINE POLICY ON THE DOD VACCINE ACQUIRED FROM NOVARTIS VACCINE AND BIOLOGICALS LIMITED FOR ALL ACTIVE DUTY AND MISSION CRITICAL CIVILIANS (BOTH CIVIL SERVICE AND CONTRACTORS). THE SECOND MESSAGE WILL BE FOR ORDERING DOD VACCINE ACQUIRED FROM DHHS FOR OCONUS NON-MISSION CRITICAL CIVILIANS (SUCH AS BENEFICIARIES AND RETIREES.)

6. NAVMEDLOGCOM WILL REQUEST INFORMATION FROM ALL ORDERING UNITS TO PROVIDE ESTIMATES OF THE NUMBERS OF PERSONS THAT WILL BE VACCINATED WITH THE DOD-PROVIDED NOVARTIS VACCINE. THIS INFORMATION WILL BE USED TO MAKE THE CENTRALIZED ORDERING AND DISTRIBUTION OF VACCINE MORE EFFICIENT AND TIMELY. YOU WILL RECEIVE MORE DETAILS ON THIS REQUEST VIA EMAIL FROM NAVMEDLOGCOM DIRECTLY.

7. ALL UNITS WILL COMPLETE THEIR SEASONAL INFLUENZA VACCINATION CAMPAIGNS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. THIS IS TO PREVENT CONFUSION AND CHALLENGE OF HAVING TWO INFLUENZA VACCINE CAMPAIGNS, SEASONAL AND NOVEL H1N1 INFLUENZA A, AT THE SAME TIME. IF A UNIT HAS NOT YET COMPLETED THEIR SEASONAL INFLUENZA CAMPAIGN WHEN THE ORDERING MESSAGES FOR H1N1 ARE RELEASED IN THE NEAR FUTURE, THEY SHOULD ADMINISTER BOTH IMMUNIZATIONS SIMULTANEOUSLY. THE NOVARTIS ACQUIRED DOD SUPPLIED VACCINE DISCUSSED IN THIS MESSAGE MAY BE GIVEN AT THE SAME TIME AS THE SEASONAL INFLUENZA VACCINE, EITHER INJECTABLE OR INTRANASAL. IF UNITS ARE USING AN INJECTABLE FORM OF SEASONAL INFLUENZA VACCINE, THE NOVEL H1N1 INFLUENZA A VACCINE SHOULD BE GIVEN IN A DIFFERENT ANATOMIC SITE.

8. NONPHARMACEUTICAL INTERVENTIONS: INFLUENZA PREVENTION AND CONTROL STRATEGIES SHOULD CENTER ON VACCINATION, INFECTION CONTROL MEASURES (SUCH AS EARLY RECOGNITION AND MINIMIZATION OF EXPOSURE TO THE ILL PATIENT), RESPIRATORY HYGIENE AND COUGH ETIQUETTE, USE OF FACEMASKS AND RESPIRATORS, HAND SANITATION AND OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS PROVIDED AT REF D. COMMAND EMPHASIS SHOULD BE PLACED ON EXPEDITED VACCINATION OF ALL PERSONNEL WITH BOTH SEASONAL INFLUENZA VACCINE AND THE NOVEL H1N1 INFLUENZA A VACCINE. ISOLATE MEMBERS WITH INFLUENZA LIKE ILLNESS (ILI) AS SOON AS IDENTIFIED. PLACE SURGICAL MASK ON MEMBER PRIOR TO SENDING TO MEDICAL AND/OR PROVIDE MEDICAL SCREENING AND TREATMENT FOR ILI WITHIN BERTHING SPACES.

PHYSICALLY SEGREGATE (OR MASK) MEMBERS REPORTING TO MEDICAL FOR ILI FROM THOSE WITH INJURIES OR NON-RESPIRATORY COMPLAINTS.

9. NAVY SURGEON GENERAL'S INTENT IS THAT H1N1 NOVEL INFLUENZA A VACCINE BE GIVEN WIDELY AND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE VACCINE IS RECEIVED. THE H1N1 VIRUS CONTINUES TO CIRCULATE IN

THE GENERAL POPULATION AND IS OCCURRING IN CLUSTERS, PARTICULARLY IN SCHOOLS AND COLLEGE CAMPUSES. THIS H1N1 INFLUENZA A IS CONSIDERED MILD TO MODERATE IN SEVERITY BY DOD AND BY BUMED AND THE PRESENT STRATEGY IS TO HALT TRANSMISSION BY THE WIDEST POSSIBLE DISSEMINATION OF VACCINATION IN OUR POPULATION.

10. OUR POPULATION MUST BE PROTECTED AGAINST BOTH FORMS OF INFLUENZA TO MAINTAIN OPERATIONAL READINESS. THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE FLU SEASON INDICATED THAT H1N1 BECAME THE PREDOMINANT FORM OF INFLUENZA A, PLACED A SIGNIFICANT BUT MODERATE BURDEN ON HEALTH CARE, AND TENDED TO ATTACK YOUNGER AGE GROUPS. ALTHOUGH DEATHS WERE RARE, NEARLY 40% OF THOSE FEW DEATHS OCCURRED IN YOUNG OTHERWISE HEALTHY INDIVIDUALS.

11. DOD ALONG WITH OTHER HEALTH AGENCIES, CONTINUES TO CLOSELY MONITOR THE SEVERITY OF THE NOVEL H1N1 INFLUENZA A IN THE POPULATION. IF THE VIRUS UNDERGOES CHANGE TO BECOME SEVERE WE WILL IMMEDIATELY MODIFY THE VACCINATION STRATEGY PLAN TO PROTECT ESSENTIAL MISSION FUNCTIONS IN A VERY STRICTLY PRIORITIZED WAY UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF. AGAIN, AT PRESENT THE DOD AND DEPARTMENT OF NAVY STRATEGY IS TO HALT TRANSMISSION BY THE WIDEST POSSIBLE IMMUNIZATION OF AS MANY OF OUR POPULATION AS POSSIBLE.

12. THE SURGEON GENERAL REMINDS ALL THAT IMMUNIZATIONS PROTECT NOT ONLY YOU, BUT YOUR FAMILIES, COWORKERS AND COMMUNITIES. HE STRONGLY ENCOURAGES YOU TO CONTINUE TO DISCUSS AND PLAN TO GET IMMUNIZED AGAINST BOTH SEASONAL AND NOVEL H1N1 INFLUENZA.//

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