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NARR/REF A IS POLICY FOR USE OF NOVEL H1N1 INFLUENZA VACCINE FOR 2009-2010. REF B IS DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY (DLA) REGULATIONS FOR COLD CHAIN MANAGEMENT. REF C IS CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY WEEKLY REPORT GUIDANCE ON COLD CHAIN AVAILABLE AT

[HTTP://WWW.CDC.GOV/MMWR/PREVIEW/MMWRHTML/MM5242A6.HTM](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5242a6.htm). REF D IS CDC H1N1

CLINICIANS QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS AVAILABLE AT

[HTTP://WWW.CDC.GOV/H1N1FLU/VACCINATION/CLINICIANS_QA.HTM](http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/vaccination/clinicians_qa.htm)//

RMKS/1. THIS MESSAGE, COORDINATED WITH THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS, IS AUTHORIZED FOR TRANSMISSION TO MARINE CORPS ACTIVITIES.

2. CLARIFICATION OF REF A, PARAGRAPH 3B, NOVARTIS VACCINATION ADMINISTRATION PRIORITY CATEGORIES.

A. CHANGE AS FOLLOWS:

(1) MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL ORDERED TO DEPLOY IN SUPPORT OF AN OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENT OR ASSIGNED TO A SHIP REGARDLESS OF LOCATION OR DEPLOYMENT STATUS.

(2) BASIC AND ADVANCED TRAINEES, OFFICER TRAINEES, MIDSHIPMEN, AND THE TRAINING STAFF FOR THESE PERSONNEL.

(3) HEALTH CARE WORKERS (HCW) IN DIRECT PATIENT CARE (MILITARY AND NON-MILITARY).

(4) ALL MISSION CRITICAL PERSONNEL (MILITARY, DOD CIVILIAN, AND CONTRACT EMPLOYEES) AS DETERMINED BY THEIR COGNIZANT COMMANDING OFFICER.

(5) ALL OTHER MILITARY PERSONNEL.

3. THIS MESSAGE ALSO PROVIDES BUMED GUIDANCE ON THE ORDERING, PRIORITIZATION, AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE SANOFI-PASTEUR H1N1 INFLUENZA VACCINE SPECIFICALLY FOR ALL DOD CIVILIANS REGARDLESS OF LOCATION AND BENEFICIARIES (DEPENDENTS, RETIREES, AND OTHER ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARIES) OUTSIDE OF THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES (OCONUS). (VACCINE FOR CONUS BENEFICIARIES WILL BE ACQUIRED DIRECTLY FROM THE STATE SUPPLIER AS PER REF A.) 4. ORDERING AND HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS FOR SANOFI-PASTEUR H1N1 INFLUENZA VACCINE:

A. OCONUS SITES WILL ORDER SUFFICIENT VACCINE AND H1N1 KITS TO IMMUNIZE ALL BENEFICIARIES AND DOD CIVILIANS AND ADMINISTER TO BENEFICIARIES ACCORDING TO THE TARGET GROUPS LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 6.

B. THE SANOFI-PASTEUR H1N1 INFLUENZA VACCINE IS AN INACTIVATED INFLUENZA VIRUS VACCINE INDICATED FOR AGES SIX MONTHS AND OLDER. IT COMES IN A MULTIDOSE VIAL. ALL ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD ORDER SANOFI-PASTEUR H1N1 VACCINE FROM DEFENSE SUPPLY CENTER PHILADELPHIA (DSCP) (USING ROUTING IDENTIFIER CODE (RIC) ?SMS,? PROJECT CODE ?3FL,? PRIORITY ?03?, UTILIZING REQUISITION TRANSACTION ADVISE CODE ?2L?, AND NON-BILLING SIGNAL CODE ?D? ? SHIP TO REQUISITIONER OR ?M? ? SHIP TO SUPPLEMENTAL). THESE SUPPLIES HAVE BEEN ACQUIRED BY THE DOD FOR DOD BENEFICIARIES AND RETIREES AND EMPLOYEES.

D. THE FOLLOWING ORDERING INFORMATION ON SANOFI-PASTEUR H1N1 INFLUENZA VACCINE H1N1 INFLUENZA VACCINE FOR OCONUS BENEFICIARIES? STOCKS IS PROVIDED:

NSN: 6505-01-578-2138

MFR: SANOFI-PASTEUR

U/I: EA (5 ML MULTIDOSE VIAL CONTAINING TEN 0.5 ML DOSES)

CONTAINS THIMEROSAL

NDC: 49281-0640-15

PRICE: \$.00 (NO COST)

E. DOD HAS PREPOSITIONED ANCILLARY SUPPLIES FOR THE NOVARTIS VACCINE.

F. THOSE ORDERING THE SANOFI-PASTEUR H1N1 INFLUENZA VACCINE MAY ORDER AN ANCILLARY KIT (H1N1 KIT: NSN 6505-01-578-6365, NO COST). EACH KIT CONTAINS 100 SAFETY NEEDLES AND SYRINGES, 10 SAFETY SYRINGE AND NEEDLE UNITS, 100 ISOPROPYL PREP PADS, AND 100 VACCINATION CARDS. UNITS ARE PERMITTED TO ORDER 1 KIT FOR EVERY 100 DOSES THEY ORDER OF THE SANOFI-PASTEUR PRODUCT.

G. INJECTABLE SANOFI-PASTEUR H1N1 INFLUENZA VACCINE WILL BE TRANSPORTED AND HANDLED PER REFS B AND C. IT SHOULD IMMEDIATELY BE PLACED IN A REFRIGERATOR AND MAINTAINED AT 2-8 DEGREES CELSIUS OR 36-46 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT. DO NOT FREEZE.

(1) TEMPTALE 4 MONITORS (TT4S) WILL BE IN ALL H1N1 INFLUENZA VACCINE SHIPMENTS.

(2) EACH SHIPMENT WILL CONTAIN A HANDLING SHEET WITH INSTRUCTIONS FOR RETURNING ALARMED AND NO-ALARM TT4 MONITORS TO DSCP-FSAB.

(3) IF THE SHIPMENT IS IN AN ALARMED STATUS THE VACCINE CAN NOT BE USED UNTIL THE TT4 IS RECEIVED BY DSCP TECHNICAL QUALITY SUPPORT BRANCH (DSCP-FSAB) AND DISPOSITION IS GIVEN.

(4) PROMPT RETURN OF TT4 IS CRITICAL AND BOTH ALARMED AND NO-ALARM TT4 MONITORS SHOULD BE RETURNED IMMEDIATELY.

(5) DISPOSITION FOR ALARMED MONITORS WILL BE PROVIDED WITHIN 24 HOURS OF DSCP'S RECEIPT OF THE TEMPTALE.

(6) WHEN VACCINE HAS BEEN COMPROMISED POST-RECEIPT (E.G. REFRIGERATOR MALFUNCTION), PROVIDE DSCP WITH AN EXSUM OUTLINING THE PRODUCT TIME AND TEMPERATURE DETAILS OF THE INCIDENT.

(7) MOVE OR RETURN THE VACCINE IMMEDIATELY TO THE REFRIGERATOR AND DSCP WILL PROVIDE DISPOSITION WITHIN 24 HOURS OF RECEIVING THE EXSUM.

5. SANOFI-PASTEUR H1N1 INFLUENZA VACCINE ADMINISTRATION (A-E):

A. THIS SANOFI-PASTEUR H1N1 INFLUENZA VACCINE IS TO BE ADMINISTERED VIA AN INTRAMUSCULAR INJECTION.

B. PATIENTS AGE 6 MONTHS TO 35 MONTHS: ONE 0.25ML DOSE FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER 0.25ML DOSE FOUR WEEKS LATER FOR A TOTAL OF TWO DOSES.

C. PATIENTS AGE 36 MONTHS TO 9 YEARS: ONE 0.5ML DOSE FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER 0.5ML DOSE FOUR WEEKS LATER FOR A TOTAL OF TWO DOSES.

D. PATIENTS AGE 10 YEARS AND OLDER: ONLY ONE 0.5ML DOSE (REF D).

E. IF THE INTERVAL SEPARATING THE DOSES IS LESS THAN 21 DAYS, A THIRD DOSE SHOULD BE REPEATED FOUR WEEKS AFTER THE FIRST DOSE.

6. THE FOLLOWING FIVE TARGET GROUPS ARE A PRIORITY FOR THE SANOFI H1N1 INFLUENZA VACCINE (A-E):

A. PREGNANT WOMEN.

B. HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS AND CAREGIVERS OF CHILDREN YOUNGER THAN SIX MONTHS OF AGE (E.G. PARENTS, SIBLINGS, AND DAYCARE PROVIDERS).

C. HEALTH CARE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL.

D. PERSONS FROM 6 MONTHS THROUGH 24 YEARS OF AGE.

E. PERSONS 25 THROUGH 64 YEARS OF AGE WHO HAVE MEDICAL CONDITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH A HIGHER RISK OF INFLUENZA COMPLICATIONS.

7. ONCE PERSONS IN THESE INITIAL TARGET GROUPS HAVE BEEN VACCINATED, VACCINATION IS RECOMMENDED FOR ALL PERSONS 25 THROUGH 64 YEARS OF AGE. ONCE YOUNGER AGE GROUPS HAVE BEEN VACCINATED, PROVIDERS SHOULD OFFER VACCINATION TO PEOPLE 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.

8. A VACCINE INFORMATION STATEMENT (VIS) SHALL BE PROVIDED TO EACH VACCINEE. CDC PUBLISHES A SEPARATE VIS FOR EACH PRODUCT.

9. PREGNANCY AND BREAST-FEEDING:

A. PREGNANT AND BREAST-FEEDING INDIVIDUALS CAN BE SAFELY VACCINATED WITH THIS INJECTABLE VACCINE.

B. PREGNANT WOMEN SHOULD PROMPTLY BE VACCINATED AT ANY STAGE OF THE PREGNANCY.

10. KEEP ACCURATE RECORDS OF VACCINE USAGE OF DOD SUPPLIES PER STANDARD IMMUNIZATION REPORTING METHODS AND SUPPLEMENTAL GUIDANCE AS PROVIDED BY BUMED OR OTHER HIGHER AUTHORITY COMMANDS.

11. REGION AND MEDICAL TREATMENT FACILITY (MTF) COMMANDING OFFICERS SHOULD BE AGGRESSIVE IN THEIR OUTREACH WITHIN THEIR AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY TO MAXIMIZE H1N1 INFLUENZA A VACCINATION.

12. NAVY SURGEON GENERAL'S INTENT IS THAT ALL BENEFICIARIES AND DOD CIVILIANS PRIORITIZED IN PARAS 3, 6, 7, BE VACCINATED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. MTFs IN RECEIPT OF SUFFICIENT AMOUNTS OF H1N1 INFLUENZA A VACCINE SHALL PROVIDE IMMUNIZATIONS TO ANY ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARY OR DOD CIVILIAN PRESENTING FOR IMMUNIZATION REGARDLESS OF LOCAL ENROLLMENT OR HEALTH-STATUS PRIORITIZATION. THE AIM IS TO VACCINATE THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE NUMBER OF PERSONS TO OBTAIN THE GREATEST PROTECTION FOR OUR PEOPLE AND OUR MISSIONS.

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