

GLWACH information about this year's influenza vaccination:

There are no anticipated vaccine shortages this year. The Food and Drug Administration has included last year's H1N1 virus in the 2012-2013 seasonal flu vaccine. Studies have show...that individuals who routinely receive their influenza vaccination will increase their overall protection against this infection.

For planning purposes, the anticipated arrival time for the flu vaccine supply is in late August to early September this year and GLWACH will begin to administer the vaccine upon receipt, starting with healthcare workers and service members, followed by beneficiaries. Vaccination dates will be published as soon as supply arrives.

There are many health benefits associated with immunizations. They can prevent a vast number of diseases and illnesses and can even save your life. Service Members should be proactive about getting their immunizations and make sure their family members are up to date on all of their immunizations. Eligible family members can receive their immunizations at GLWACH's Immunization Clinic located on the 1st Floor of the hospital. The Immunization Clinic can also be reached at 573.596.1768.

For more information about immunizations, please visit the link below, review the CDC website, speak to your Primary Care Manager, or talk to an Army Public Health Nurse at the Community Health Resource Center at 573.596.0518.

<http://www.army.mil/article/84201/>