

US Navy Influenza Policy Memorandum, 2002-2003

INFLUENZA VACCINE PRIORITIZATION//
ADMINISTRATIVE MESSAGE

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SUBJ/INFLUENZA VACCINE PRIORITIZATION// POC/YUND/CAPT/M3F4/LOC:WASHINGTON DC/TEL:202 762-3495/TEL:DSN 762 /TEL:FAX 3490//

RMKS/1. THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS. THE COMMANDANT HAS AUTHORIZED TRANSMISSION TO MARINE CORPS ACTIVITIES.

2. REQUEST WIDEST DISSEMINATION TO SENIOR MEDICAL DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES, PREVENTIVE MEDICINE PERSONNEL, AND ALL PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN ADMINISTERING IMMUNIZATIONS.

3. THIS MSG IS ADVISORY IN NATURE.

4. BACKGROUND INFORMATION. INITIAL PARTIAL SHIPMENT OF INFLUENZA VACCINE WAS EXPECTED FROM THE MANUFACTURER ON/ABOUT 30 SEP, BUT HAS ALREADY BEEN RECEIVED IN THE DEPOT AND SHIPPED TO SELECTED REQUESTING ACTIVITIES. OFFICIAL ASD(HEALTH AFFAIRS) GUIDANCE FOR PRIORITIZATION OF INITIAL SUPPLIES OF VACCINE IS EXPECTED SHORTLY; THIS MSG PROVIDES RECOMMENDED INTERIM PRIORITIZATION BASED ON CDC GUIDANCE AND DOD SPECIFIC NEEDS, AS FORMULATED BY THE JOINT PREVENTIVE MEDICINE POLICY GROUP.

5. MANY ACTIVITIES WILL INITIALLY RECEIVE PARTIAL SHIPMENTS OF INFLUENZA VACCINE. THIS MAY NECESSITATE DELAYING FULL SCALE IMMUNIZATION CAMPAIGNS AND PRIORITIZATION OF VACCINE RECIPIENTS. THE FOLLOWING PRIORITIZATION IS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTIVITIES THAT RECEIVE PARTIAL VACCINE SHIPMENTS. IMMUNIZE PRIORITIES 1, 2, AND 3 IN PARALLEL TO THE DEGREE POSSIBLE.

A. PRIORITY 1.

(1) FORWARD DEPLOYED OPERATIONAL FORCES.

(2) OPERATIONAL UNITS AT RISK OF NEAR-TERM DEPLOYMENT.

(3) PERSONS 65 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER WHO RECEIVE THE MAJORITY OF THEIR CARE AT AN MTF.

(4) PERSONS SIX MONTHS OF AGE AND OLDER WITH CHRONIC PULMONARY, CARDIOVASCULAR, IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE, OR METABOLIC DISORDERS WHICH PREDISPOSE TO SEVERE INFLUENZA OR COMPLICATIONS.

(5) WOMEN WHO WILL BE IN THE SECOND OR THIRD TRIMESTER OF PREGNANCY DURING THE INFLUENZA SEASON.

(6) CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS RECEIVING LONG TERM ASPIRIN THERAPY. B. PRIORITY 2. HEALTH CARE WORKERS WITH DIRECT PATIENT CONTACT. C. PRIORITY 3. TRAINEE POPULATIONS. D. PRIORITY 4. FAMILY MEMBERS, SIX MONTHS OF AGE AND OLDER, IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH PERSONS FROM HIGH-RISK GROUPS. E. PRIORITY 5. OTHER MILITARY MEMBERS AND OCONUS EMERGENCY ESSENTIAL CIVILIANS. F. PRIORITY 6. OTHER BENEFICIARIES:

(1) THOSE 50 TO 64 YEARS OF AGE.

(2) THOSE UNDER 50.

(3) THIS YEAR, ACIP ENCOURAGES IMMUNIZATION OF TWO NEW GROUPS:

(A) ALL HEALTHY CHILDREN AGE 6 MONTHS TO 23 MONTHS OF AGE.

(B) HOUSEHOLD CONTACTS (AGE 6 MONTHS AND OLDER) AND OUT-OF-HOME CARETAKERS OF CHILDREN AGED 0 TO 23 MONTHS.//

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