

INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: United States Army Medical Materiel Agency (USAMMA) Distribution Operations Center (DOC) Army Influenza Prevention Program for 2014-2015

1. Purpose: To provide information on the 2014-2015 Army Influenza Prevention program.

2. Facts:

a. Influenza (the flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. Flu seasons are unpredictable and have the potential to impact DoD force readiness and mission. In the United States, influenza results in over 25 million reported cases, over 150,000 hospitalizations due to serious complications, and over 30,000 deaths annually. Vaccination is the primary method for preventing influenza and its complications.

b. The vaccine 2014-2015 influenza trivalent vaccine strains are A/California/07/2009(H1N1)-like, A/Texas/50/2012 (H3N2)-like, and B/Massachusetts/2/2012-like antigens. The additional strain, B/Brisbane/60/2008-like antigen has been selected for those manufacturers licensed to distribute a Quadrivalent influenza vaccine.

c. The DoD requirements for the 2014-2015 flu season were 3.8 million doses of vaccine. The Army requirements for the 2014-2015 flu season were 1.8 million doses of vaccine, accounting nearly 47% of the total DoD requirements. The 1.8 million doses include 1.34 million doses of Inactivated Injectable Vaccine (IIV) and 513K doses of Quadrivalent Live Attenuated Influenza (intranasal) Vaccine (LAIV4). This amount ensures that vaccination against influenza is available for all soldiers and beneficiaries. Military treatment facilities (MTF) began receiving deliveries of flu vaccine in late August 2014. The flu vaccine is provided in two dosage forms, injectable and nasal. The products are available as multi-dose vials or individual doses as a prefilled syringe or nasal sprayer.

d. The goal of the Influenza Prevention Program is to protect all military personnel, mission-essential Department of the Army Civilians, healthcare personnel, and TRICARE beneficiaries from influenza and its complications. At end state is to achieve immunization for 100% of Active Duty personnel, and required civilian employees (excluding those medically, religiously, or administratively exempt) with a milestone of \geq 90% no later than (NLT) 15 December 2014.

e. The priority Army requirements for distribution of flu vaccine are the following areas: CENTCOM, USF-Korea, Army PACOM and EUCOM/AFRICOM. As of 30

September 2014 delivery rates for flu vaccines are: CENTCOM (60%), USF-Korea (45%), Army PACOM (95%), EUCOM/AFRICOM (93%) and overall, flu vaccine distribution for MEDCOM (55%)

3. Reference.

OPERATION ORDER 14-85 (2014 – 2015 Influenza Prevention Program: Surveillance and Vaccination) August 15, 2014. Available at: <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/files/43357548>.

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