Department Of Defense
Influenza Update

National Influenza Summit
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Agenda

Did you know?
DoD immunization rates
Increased access
Current policies
  – Seasonal influenza
  – Health care workers
  – Thimerosal
Universal tracking system
Provider education
Did You Know?

- First influenza vaccine was developed in 1940’s by DoD under the army epidemiology board which would later evolve into the defense health board
- Egg based, phenyl mercuric nitrate preserved, bivalent vaccine
- Start of DoD mandatory immunization policy

How We Did This Year

- Over 4 million doses of vaccine ordered
- Immunization campaign began in august
- Reached 90% immunization coverage of active duty before 1 December 2010
- As of March 2011

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## Combined Active Duty Immunization Rates 2007-2011

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## Increased Access

- TRICARE now covers influenza and pneumococcal vaccine administered by pharmacies in the TRICARE network
- 271,000 beneficiaries took advantage of the program this year
  - Mostly family members and retirees
- Policy includes all including AD members
  - Increased burden to document compliance
  - Potential excess vaccine at DoD facilities
Increased Access
Immunization Clinic Finder

Find the Nearest Public DoD Immunization Clinic

Use the MILVAX Immunization Clinic Finder to help make it easier to identify public DoD Immunization Clinics near you. Easily locate information on Immunization Clinics, either by state, country or zip. Information provided includes Clinic name, address, phone #, hours of operation, as well as contact details on the MILVAX Regional Analyst responsible for supporting the clinic.

Clinic Finder - Search By State Or Zip Code
Clinic List

Clinic Information

The clinic information provided via this utility is provided for your convenience only, and subject to change or modification at any time. If you find any information that can help us update the clinic details listed, please contact MILVAX directly via the feedback link at the bottom of the page. We strongly suggest that before visiting any of the immunization clinics listed, you contact them directly to confirm hours of operation, verify eligibility, make appointments, and check available vaccine supply.

The MILVAX Regional Analysts listed at the bottom of the clinic record are employees of the Military Vaccine Agency, and do not work at, or for, that specific immunization clinic. They are the DoD representatives responsible for outreach and training to that clinic. You are welcome to contact the Regional Analysts with general questions about immunization clinics, however specific questions about supply, appointments, eligibility, and hours of operation, are best directed to the individual clinic.

Immunization Clinic Details

Clinic Name: DelRitt Army Community Hospital
Address: 9502 Farrell Road
Ft. Belvoir, VA 22060-5901
Phone: (703) 805-0326
Hours of Operation: 0730-1600

MILVAX Regional Analyst: Guen Porter
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Do you have questions, comments or feedback regarding this clinic?
DoD Policy – Seasonal Flu

- Mandatory for all active duty, select reserve component personnel
- LAIV preferred for children and new accessions
- Priority to medical high risk and deployed personnel
- Overall goal is for maximum immunization across all sectors of DoD
- No one requesting influenza immunization should be turned away
- Some overseas commands have mandatory immunization for children and school employees

DoD Policy – Health Care Workers

- Mandatory for all providing direct patient care
- Now in its 3rd year
- Expanding to include pandemic vaccines
- Immediate implementation for DoD civilians, mandatory component of all new and renegotiated contracts
DoD Policy - Thimerosal

- Recognized that some states have banned or limited thimerosal containing vaccines
- Due to potential inappropriate legal exposure for DoD providers licensed and practicing in these states
  - DoD will attempt to comply with state law
  - DoD WILL NOT withhold vaccine if a preservative-free vaccine is not available

Universal Tracking System

- Beta version is completed
- Includes a universal electronic record that will capture active duty, dependents and retirees immunized at military facilities
- Next challenge is migration of TRICARE data for those immunized in the civilian based network
  - Target date for implementation is 2011-12 influenza season
Getting The Word Out To Providers

- MILVAX – military vaccine agency conducts a variety of educational programs for all levels of immunizers
  - DoD seasonal influenza leaders briefings
    - 1,716 attendees this year
  - DoD seasonal influenza training
    - 2098 attendees this year
  - One day immunization basic course
    - 232 attendees this year
  - Three day immunization leaders course
    - 83 attendees this year

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