



Influenza Vaccination and Reporting Policy Update

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NAVADMIN 177/26 announces the 2026-2027 seasonal influenza vaccination ordering, reporting requirements, and mandatory vaccination policy for specific Navy personnel and establishes a completion deadline of Jan. 15, 2027.

Who needs to know?

- All Active Component (AC) and Reserve Component (RC) Sailors
- Triads, Leaders, and Supervisors
- Senior Medical Department Representatives (SMDR) and Navy Medical Staff
- USN civilian personnel employed in child development and youth services

What you need to know – key points

- **Mandatory Vaccination Requirements:** The seasonal flu vaccine is required for
 - Initial entry training personnel (including basic training, OCS, Naval Academy, ODS, other officer accession programs) and supporting CADRE/staff.
 - USN healthcare personnel (HCP) with direct patient contact or exposure.
 - Deployed personnel entering any theater or country with vaccine requirements.
 - USN civilian personnel in child development and youth services programs.
 - Specified RC personnel (HCP, CBRNE responders, and those activated on Title 10 orders for deployment or formal training in congregated settings).
- **Vaccine Exemptions:** Individual medical or administrative exemptions may be granted in accordance with SECNAVINST, MILPERSMAN, and BUPERSINST guidelines.
- **Ordering and Integrity:**
 - Navy Fleet and NAVRESCEN activities must submit requirements and verify shipping addresses (with two points of contact) via the Vaccine Information and Logistics System (VIALS).
 - All temperature monitors included in vaccine shipments must be returned to the DLA TSM cold chain office after receipt.

Timelines and Reporting Requirements

- Target Goal: Operational units and Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Commands administer the vaccine to all eligible AC and RC members by Jan. 15, 2027.
- Documentation: Compliance is tracked via the Medical Readiness Reporting System (MRRS).
- Retail Pharmacy Usage: Personnel receiving vaccines from retail network pharmacies must provide documentation no later than the next duty or drill day.
 - *Note: Intranasal vaccine (FluMist) that is self-administered from a retail pharmacy will not be accepted.*

Sample POD/POW Note

- NAVADMIN 177/26 outlines the 2026-2027 Navy Influenza Vaccination Policy. Eligible Active and Reserve Component members must receive the vaccine by Jan. 15, 2027. Personnel vaccinated at retail pharmacies must provide documentation (date, manufacturer, lot number, expiration) by the next duty day. Self-administered FluMist is not accepted.