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1. Influenza Vaccination and Reporting.

a. Influenza Vaccine and Required Personnel. Per reference (a) and (b) the following United States Navy (USN) personnel are required to receive the annual seasonal influenza vaccine:

(1) Initial entry training, to include USN basic training. Per reference (c), initial entry training includes all USN personnel in enlisted entry training, Officer Candidate School (OCS), academy preparatory school, United States Naval Academy, Officer Development School (ODS), other officer accession programs, and officers who are directly commissioned. All personnel assigned to or participating in initial entry training described above, to include supporting CADRE and staff, will be required to receive the annual seasonal influenza vaccine.

(2) USN healthcare personnel (HCP) with direct patient contact or exposure to patients.

(3) USN deployed personnel with influenza vaccine theater or country requirements. All USN Service Members must be fully vaccinated against influenza prior to entering any theater or country that has an active influenza vaccination requirement.

(4) USN civilian personnel employed in child development and youth services programs.

(5) USN Reserve Component (RC) personnel HCP who provide direct or indirect care to patients and those not directly involved in patient care but potentially exposed to infectious agents that can be transmitted to and from other HCP.

(6) All USN RC Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Enhanced Response Enterprise members, regardless of current order status.

(8) USN RC personnel activated on title 10 orders for deployment will follow active-duty Service and Combatant Command theater entry requirements.

(9) USN RC personnel on title 10 orders for formal military and/or nominative training in congregated settings will follow Military Department requirements.

b. Individual Vaccine Exemptions. Individual Service Members may be granted vaccine exemptions (medical or administrative) in accordance with references (d)-(f).

c. Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance and Response. The influenza vaccine is highly encouraged to prevent outbreaks that can degrade unit readiness, disrupt training schedules, and deployment execution, which adversely impacts mission. Senior Medical Department Representatives (SMDR) must be prepared to conduct surveillance of influenza-like illness and report and respond to local or command-wide outbreaks and hospitalizations per reference (g).

d. Influenza Vaccine Ordering and Distribution.

(1) Two influenza vaccines, Northern Hemisphere and Southern Hemisphere, are available. The 2026-2027 influenza vaccine supply consists of trivalent injectable vaccines in prefilled syringes. Operational Forces Support Division, Naval Medical Readiness Logistics Command Detachment (NMRLC-Det), Fort Detrick is responsible for ordering and distributing influenza vaccine for all Navy Fleet and Navy Reserve Center (NAVRESCEN) activities. Additional quantities required must be coordinated with the Vaccine Information and Logistics System (VIALS) helpdesk at: usn.detrick.nmrlc-detftdmd.list.vialhelp@health.mil.

(2) All Navy Fleet and NAVRESCEN activities will continue to submit their requirements in VIALS via Military Standard Requisitioning and Issuing Procedure (MILSTRIP) from requisition to receipt. The VIALS website is common access card enabled and can be accessed at https://gov-only.nmrlc.health.mil/int_code03/vials/.

e. 2027-2028 Influenza Vaccine Ordering Requirements. The Defense Health Agency (DHA) Distribution Center conducts a data call annually for the following year's seasonal influenza virus vaccine requirements. All requirements for the 2026-2027 influenza season were submitted in September 2025. All requirements for the 2027-2028 influenza season must be submitted by 18 September 2026.

f. Influenza Vaccine Shipping. All commands will verify their correct shipping address and two (2) points of contact information in VIALS to ensure prompt delivery. Navy Fleet afloat will validate their shipping locations, timeframes, and contact information (second point of contact should be the Type Command).

g. Influenza Vaccine Integrity (per reference (c)). All Influenza vaccine shipments include temperature monitors. All monitors must be returned to the Defense Logistics Agency-Troop Support Medical (DLA-TSM) cold chain office after receipt, regardless of alarm status, per the instructions and shipping materials included.

h. Influenza Vaccination Reporting for Active Component (AC) and RC Naval Personnel with annual seasonal influenza vaccination requirements, per reference (a), will be monitored via the Medical Readiness Reporting System (MRRS), per reference (h). MRRS is the authorized platform for tracking member compliance. Designated command personnel will access MRRS to track their personnel to ensure compliance.

(1) Shore-based commands will request access to MRRS based on their unit identification code by submitting a system access authorization request available at: <https://mrrs-cloud.dc3n.navy.mil/mrrs/secure/welcome.m>.

Point of contact: MRRS Program Office at e-mail: usn.mid-south.chnavpersmiltn.mbx.mill-mrrs@us.navy.mil.

(2) Ship-based commands will utilize authorized electronic medical systems to populate MRRS.

(3) Commands must ensure that documentation of influenza vaccine administration is coded to accurately reflect the type of vaccine given.

(4) All personnel who receive the vaccine from retail network pharmacies must provide documentation of vaccination no later than the next duty or drill day to ensure compliance is appropriately recorded in their electronic health records and MRRS. The following information will need to be provided: date vaccine was administered, vaccine name or code, manufacturer, expiration date, and lot number. Intranasal vaccine (FluMist) that is self-administered from a retail pharmacy will not be accepted.

(5) Vaccination Timeline. Units with influenza vaccination requirements per reference (a) have three working days following receipt of vaccine shipment to document, begin administering, and report vaccination. If the 72-hour requirement cannot be met, unit situation reports will be submitted to the respective Immediate Superior in Command and Type Commanders.

i. Influenza Vaccination Reporting for AC and RC Naval Personnel without vaccination requirements. Though not required for all AC and RC DON personnel, the annual influenza vaccination is recommended for all personnel. Vaccination administration monitoring for these personnel will continue to occur via MRRS.

j. Influenza Vaccination Reporting for civilian HCP and civilian personnel employed in child development and youth service programs with annual seasonal influenza vaccination requirements, per reference (a). These personnel should follow guidance issued by the DHA and Child Development and Youth Service Programs respectively.

k. Navy Goals and Performance Standards. All Navy operational units and Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Commands/Units with influenza vaccination requirements per reference (a) will administer the 2026-2027 influenza vaccination to all eligible AC and RC members by 15 January 2027. Per reference (i), influenza vaccine will still be provided to all eligible Navy beneficiaries.

2. Released by Rear Admiral Matthew Case, N093, Acting Surgeon General of the Navy.//

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