

UNCLAS

R 071131Z APR 10 ZYB  
FM COMDT COGARD WASHINGTON DC//CG-112//  
TO AIG 4905

BT

UNCLAS //N06010//

SUBJ: H1N1 INFLUENZA VACCINE EXPIRATION UPDATE

A. ALCOAST 582/09 COMDTNOTE 6010

1. NOVEL INFLUENZA A (H1N1) VACCINE IS MANDATORY FOR ALL COAST GUARD (CG) ACTIVE DUTY (AD) AND SELECTED RESERVE (SELRES) PERSONNEL PER REFERENCE A. CG CLINICS ARE NOW IN RECEIPT OF THE ENTIRE AMOUNT OF H1N1 VACCINE WHICH WAS ALLOCATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD) AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS). TWO MANUFACTURERS, NOVARTIS AND SANOFI PASTUER, SUPPLIED THE DESIGNATED QUANTITIES OF THE INJECTABLE VACCINE FOR CG USE.

2. H1N1 VACCINE PRODUCT EXPIRATION DATES VARY FROM MARCH 2010 TO JUNE 2011. ONCE VACCINE HAS PASSED THE EXPIRATION DATE AS DESIGNATED BY THE MANUFACTURER, IT IS TO BE REMOVED FROM INVENTORY AND DISCARDED ACCORDING TO CG POLICY.

3. DHS HAS INSTRUCTED THE CG TO RETAIN ALL CURRENT INVENTORY OF EXCESS H1N1 VACCINE SUPPLY THAT HAS NOT EXPIRED.

4. FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS UPDATE PLEASE CONTACT THE CG HEALTH, SAFETY, WORK-LIFE SUPPORT ACTIVITY (HSWL SUPACT) PHARMACY OFFICER, CAPT VERNON LEW AT VERNON.T.LEW(AT)USCG.MIL OR (757) 628-4338 OR CDR DEBORAH THOMPSON AT DEBORAH.J.THOMPSON(AT)USCG.MIL OR (202) 475-5181.

5. CAPT MICHAEL J. BOQUARD, CHIEF, OFFICE OF HEALTH SERVICES SENDS.

6. INTERNET RELEASE AUTHORIZED.

BT

NNNN

- 1 2010