

Sir or Ma'am,

Flu season is back! As an Individual Reservist, it is your responsibility to ensure you are ready to deploy at a moment's notice. This means your readiness, including vaccinations, must remain current. By 1 January 2017, you must obtain your flu vaccination, and the data must be reflected in the Aerospace Medicine Information Management System (ASIMS), or your Individual Medical Readiness (IMR) will turn red.

In accordance with AFI 36-2254, Vol. 1, Reserve Personnel Participation, if your IMR status turns red, your Detachment commander may disapprove any further participation, or subsequent orders may direct you to obtain the vaccine while in status. After 1 Jan, it is also common for the AFRC/CV to direct members be placed in a "no pay, no points" status until they receive the vaccine.

Members must be in duty status to utilize a Military Treatment Facility (MTF). Only the inactivated (no live virus) vaccine, administered intramuscularly (into the deltoid muscle) in those up to age 65, will be provided by MTFs.

Please note that if receiving the vaccination from a civilian provider, the FluMist form is no longer approved for DoD personnel. Any other form of the Flu vaccine is acceptable. Additionally, you must provide one of the following documents to your servicing MTF or HQ RIO/IRM (afrc.rmgsg@us.af.mil): (1) Civilian proof of vaccination or (2) a letter from a doctor recommending the vaccine not be received and why.

Please direct any questions or concerns to your servicing MTF or HQ RIO/IRM.

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