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SUBJECT: 2014-2015 Influenza Vaccination

It's everyone's favorite time of year. That's right - flu season. All Individual Reservists must receive their flu vaccination by January 1, 2015, or their immunization readiness status will go red.

In a memorandum dated September 16, 2014, Maj. Gen. Richard S. Haddad, AFRC Vice Commander, stated that this year's goal is to have over 90 percent of AFRC members vaccinated by December 15 and 100 percent by January 1, 2015.

Additionally, the memorandum states that on January 1, 2015, any member that has not received the influenza vaccine and whose records have not been updated in the Aerospace Medicine Information Management System (ASIMS) will be overdue and their individual medical readiness (IMR) will turn red.

In accordance with AFI 36-2254, vol. 1, *Reserve Personnel Participation*, if you are non-current on this important readiness item on or after 1 January 2015, your Detachment Commander may disapprove any further participation, or any subsequent orders may direct you to obtain the flu shot while you're in status.

In order to stay current on this item, members will need to provide one of three documents to their detachment: a DD form 2766c, Vaccine Administration Record, civilian proof of vaccination, or a letter from a doctor recommending that the vaccine not be received and why.

There are two variations of the vaccine that may be available at your military treatment facility:

1. Live (weakened virus) vaccine administered by inhalation (thru the nose) to those personnel ages 2 through 49 years
2. Inactivated (no live virus) administered intramuscularly (into the deltoid muscle) to those up to age 65

****PLEASE NOTE: Members must be in duty status if utilizing an MTF****

There are two additional variations available only through civilian providers:

1. Inactivated (no live virus) with intradermal administration (into the skin not muscle) to those ages 18 through 64
2. Recombinant (no live virus), with no egg components, administered intramuscularly (into the deltoid muscle) to those ages 18 through 49 years

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