

U.S. Department of Energy

OAK RIDGE OPERATIONS OFFICE

ANNOUNCEMENT

OR 3792

November 1, 2001

SUBJECT: INFLUENZA VACCINE

Influenza vaccine will be available again this year for Department of Energy (DOE) employees. The vaccine is recommended by the U.S. Public Health Service for the 2001-2002 influenza season, and it will provide protection against A/New Caledonia/20/99 (H₁N₁), A/Panama/2007/99 (H₃N₂) (an A/Moscow/10/99-like virus) and B/Victoria/504/2000 (B/Sichuan/379/99 - like virus). Immunity declines in the year following vaccination; therefore, a vaccination for last season does not preclude the need to be vaccinated again for the upcoming season.

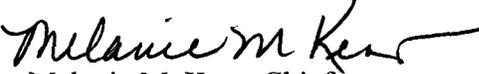
Employees will be scheduled by organization, beginning **November 2, 2001**, to receive injections. Consult the attached schedule for your organization's appointment time. Iris Housley, RN, will be visiting most DOE facilities in the Oak Ridge area to administer the vaccine. Only one injection is needed per person.

Employees who wish to be vaccinated should read and complete the attached Patient Informed Consent Form prior to receiving their injection. **Please bring the completed portion when you come for your injection.** Employees under 18 years of age must bring written permission from a parent or guardian before receiving the vaccine.

Individuals who are allergic to eggs, chicken, chicken feathers, chicken dander, or any component of the vaccine **should not** receive the vaccine except from their private physician. Individuals who have an acute respiratory disease, asthma, active infection, or are pregnant should not receive the vaccine.

The Health Station is located in Room 1207 of the Federal Building and maintains office hours Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon and Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 1 to 4:30 p.m. The Health Station at the Office of Scientific and Technical Information is located in Room 241 and is staffed on Monday and Friday afternoons from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Make-up injections

will be given in accordance with the attached schedule as long as vaccine is available. If you have questions about the Influenza Vaccination Program, please call Nurse Iris Housley at 576-0682.


Melanie M. Kent, Chief
Personnel and Management
Analysis Branch

Attachments

FLUZONE
GROUP IMMUNIZATION
PATIENT INFORMED CONSENT FORM

Influenza Virus Fluzone Vaccine, Trivalent, Types A & B, Aventis Pasteur

2001-2002 Season: A/New Caledonia/20/99 (H₁N₁), A/Panama/2007/99 (H₃N₂) (an A/Moscow/10/99-like virus) and B/Victoria/504/2000 (B/Sichuan/379/99 - like strain).

THE FLU - Influenza (flu) is a respiratory infection caused by viruses. When people get the flu, they may have fever, chills, headache, dry cough, or muscle aches. Illness may last several days, a week, or more, and complete recovery is usual. However, complications may lead to pneumonia or death in some people. Influenza can cause severe malaise lasting several days.

It is not possible to estimate the risk of an individual getting the flu this year, but for the elderly and for people with diabetes, heart, lung, or kidney diseases, the flu may be especially serious. The vaccine is recommended for persons 50 years of age and older and those who do not wish to have the flu.

THE VACCINE - An injection of the flu vaccine will not give you the flu, because the vaccine is made from an inactivated, split virus. The vaccine is made from viruses selected by the Office of Biologics, Food and Drug Administration, and the Public Health Service.

RISKS AND POSSIBLE SIDE REACTIONS - Side effects of flu vaccine are generally mild in adults and occur at low frequency. These reactions consist of tenderness at the injection site, fever, chills, headaches, or muscular aches. These symptoms may last up to 48 hours and occur 6-12 hours after vaccination.

A small number of persons who received the 1976 Swine Flu Vaccine suffered a paralysis called Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS). GBS is typically characterized by a paralysis that begins in the hands or feet and then moves up the arms or legs or both. GBS is usually self-limiting, and most persons with GBS recover without permanent weakness. In approximately 5 percent of the cases a permanent or even fatal form of paralysis may occur. In 1976 GBS appeared with excess frequency among persons who had received the 1976 Swine Flu Vaccine. For the 10 weeks following vaccination, the risk of GBS was found to be approximately 10 cases for every 1 million persons vaccinated. This represents a 5 to 6 times higher risk than in unvaccinated persons. Younger persons (under 25 years of age) had a lower risk than others and also had a lower case fatality rate.

Data on the occurrence of GBS have been collected during 3 flu seasons since the surveillance began in 1978. This data suggests that, in contrast to the 1976 situation, the risk of GBS in recipients of flu vaccine was not significantly higher than that in nonvaccines. Nonetheless, persons who receive flu vaccines should be aware of this possible risk as compared with the risk of flu and its complications.

SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS - Children under 6 months of age and pregnant women should consult with their personal physicians before receiving this vaccine. The safety and efficiency of the vaccine between 6 months and 4 years has not been established.

Persons who are allergic to eggs, chickens, chicken feathers, chicken dander, or to any component of the vaccine should not receive this vaccine until they have consulted their personal physicians. Delay vaccination in persons with active neurological disorder but vaccinate when disease is stable.

Persons with fever should not receive this vaccine. Persons who have received another type of vaccine within the past 14 days should see their personal physicians before receiving this vaccine.

If you have a reaction, see your personal physician immediately. If you have any questions, please ask.

----- DO NOT CUT OR TEAR -----

CONSENT 2001-2002
INFLUENZA FLUZONE VIRUS VACCINE
Aventis Pasteur
Lot U0696BA, Expiration Date: 06/30/2002

I have read the above information and have had an opportunity to ask questions. I understand the benefits and risks of the flu vaccination as described. I request that the vaccine be given to me or to the person named below for whom I am authorized to sign. 2001-2002 A/New Caledonia/20/99 (H₁N₁), A/Panama/2007/99 (H₃N₂) (an A/Moscow/10/99-like virus) and B/Victoria/504/2000 (B/Sichuan/379/99 - like strain).

INFORMATION CONCERNING PERSON TO RECEIVE INFLUENZA VACCINE

NAME (Please Print) _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____ AGE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

SIGNATURE OF PERSON TO RECEIVE VACCINE (OR PARENT/GUARDIAN) _____ DATE _____

.5cc Influenza Vaccine Administered

By: _____ Time: _____ Site: _____
RN Signature

Fiscal Year 2002 Influenza Vaccine Schedule

Office of Chief Counsel	November 2, 2001	9:00 - 9:30	Federal Building, Room 1207
Public Affairs Office	November 2, 2001	9:30 - 10:00	Federal Building, Room 1207
Human Resources Division	November 2, 2001	10:00 - 10:30	Federal Building, Room 1207
Office of the Manager Office of Partnerships and Program Development	November 2, 2001	10:30 - 12:00	Federal Building, Room 1207
Office of Scientific & Technical Information	November 2, 2001	2:00 - 4:00	OSTI, Room 241
Office of Asst. Mgr. for Environment, Safety, Health and Emergency Mgmt.	November 5, 2001	8:30 - 9:30	Federal Building, Room 1207
Office of Nuclear Fuel & Uranium Technology	November 5, 2001	9:30 - 10:30	Federal Building, Room 1207
Office of Safeguards & Security	November 5, 2001	10:30 - 11:30	Bldg. 2714-J, Room J-24
Office of Scientific & Technical Information (Make-up)	November 5, 2001	2:00 - 4:00	OSTI, Room 241
Procurement & Contracts Division	November 6, 2001	8:30 - 9:30	Federal Building, Room 1207
Planning & Budget Division Financial Evaluation & Accountability Division	November 6, 2001	9:30 - 10:30	Federal Building, Room 1207
Oak Ridge Financial Service Center	November 6, 2001	10:30 - 11:30	Federal Building, Room 1207
Ofc. of Asst. Mgr. for Administration (Immediate Office Staff) Information Resources Management Division	November 6, 2001	1:30 - 2:30	Federal Building, Room 1207
Y-12 Area Office	November 6, 2001	3:00 - 4:30	Y-12, Bldg. 9704-2, Room 107
Office of Asst. Mgr. for Laboratories	November 7, 2001	8:30 - 10:00	ORNL Site Office, Bldg 4500N, Room 214
Office of Asst. Mgr. for Assets Utilization	November 7, 2001	10:30 - 11:30	Federal Building, Room 1207
Office of Asst. Mgr. for Environmental Management	November 7, 2001	2:30 - 4:00	55 Jefferson, Room 235-E
General Make-up Session	November 9, 2001	10:00 - 12:00	Federal Building, Room 1207
General Make-up Session - OSTI	November 9, 2001	2:00 - 4:00	Federal Building, Room 1207

Injections may be requested at any time after November 9, 2001, through the end of December during regular office hours while supplies last. Please call the Health Station at 576-0682 to assure that Nurse Housley is available.