

# U.S. Department of Energy

OAK RIDGE OFFICE

# ANNOUNCEMENT

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## **SUBJECT: INFLUENZA VACCINE**

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We have received an allocation of Influenza Vaccine. Federal 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 form 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. Only one injection is needed per person.

Individuals who are allergic to eggs, chicken, chicken feathers, chicken dander, or any component of the vaccine should not receive it except from their private physician. Individuals who have any acute respiratory disease, active infection, or are pregnant should not receive the vaccine. If you are allergic to Thimerosal, a component of the vaccine, you should request the injection from your private physician.

Please refer to the attached schedule to determine the appropriate time for employees in your organization to receive their injection. Make-up injections will be given on October 23, 2007, at the Federal Office Building and October 31, 2007, at the Office of Scientific and Technical Information as long as the vaccine is available.

If you have questions about the Influenza Vaccination Program, please contact Betty Blackman, R.N. at 576-0682.

  
Melanie M. Kent, Chief  
Federal Human Resources Branch

Attachments

**2007 - INFLUENZA VACCINE SCHEDULE**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>Location</b>
10/18/07	9:30 - 10:00 a.m.	Office of Chief Counsel Public Affairs Office	FOB, Room 1207
	10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Office of Nuclear Fuel Supply Information Resources Management Division	FOB, Room 1207
	11:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Office of Assistant Manager for Administration Human Resources Division	FOB, Room 1207
	11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	LUNCH	
	1:00 - 1:30 p.m.	Office of the Chief Financial Officer Financial Evaluation & Accountability Division	FOB, Room 1207
10/19/07	9:00 - 9:30 a.m.	Office of the Manager Office of Partnerships & Program Development	FOB, Room 1207
	9:30 - 10:00 a.m.	Oak Ridge Financial Service Center	FOB, Room 1207
	10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Office of Asst. Mgr. for Environment, Safety, & Health	FOB, Room 1207
	11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Office of Assistant Manager for Security and Emergency Management	FOB, Room 1207
	12:30 - 1:30 p.m.	LUNCH	
	1:30 - 2:00 p.m.	Procurement and Contracts Division	FOB, Room 1207
	2:00 - 2:30 p.m.	Planning & Budget Division	FOB, Room 1207
10/22/07	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Office of Asst. Mgr. for Environmental Management	FOB, Room 1207
	3:00 - 4:15 p.m.	Office of Assistant Manager for Science	ORNL Bldg. 4500 N
10/23/07	Make Up Day	FOB, Room 1207	
10/24/07	8:00 - 11:00 a.m.	OSTI	OSTI
10/31/07	8:00 - 11:00 a.m.	OSTI - Make Up Day	OSTI

**FLUZONE GROUP IMMUNIZATION  
PATIENT INFORMED CONSENT FORM**

Influenza Virus Vaccine, Fluvirin - Novartis

2007-2008 Prototype Strains: A/Solomon Islands/3/2006;A/Wiscounsin/67/2005;B/Maylaysia/2506/2004. Preservative Thimerosal (mercury derivative, 24.5 mcg mercury per 0.5ml dose).

**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 not 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 time 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 three 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 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. It is also contraindicated to administer Fluvirin to people allergic to Thimerosal

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 2007-2008  
INFLUENZA VIRUS VACCINE  
Fluvirin - Novartis  
Lot 78481, Expiration Date: 05/31/2008

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. 2007-2008 Prototype Strains: A/Solomon Islands/3/2006; A/Wiscounsin/67/2005;B/Maylaysia/2506/2004 Preservative Thimerosal (mercury derivative, 24.5 mcg mercury per 0.5ml dose).

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