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Europe Regional Medical Command

H1N1 Immunization Update

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- Vaccine expected in Europe early November 2009 in stages. Availability will be widely publicized.
- Supplies may not be available all at once. Call your clinic to check.
- **There are two separate types of vaccine**
 - One is earmarked for non-uniformed beneficiaries.
 - The other is for uniformed personnel.
- **Vaccine for non-uniformed beneficiaries is an inactivated virus, injectable vaccine**
Manufactured by Sanofi-Pasteur, it is approved for ages 6 months and older.
Target groups for vaccination include (all are equal in priority):
 - Pregnant women
 - Beneficiaries 6 months-24 years old .
 - Caregivers/families of babies < 6 months old.
 - People 25-64 years old with medical conditions that put them more at risk.
 - Children 6 months to 9 years old will need to get two doses, separated by 4 weeks, to fully protect them.
 - Vaccine will be given to all TRICARE beneficiaries and DoD employees.
- **Vaccine for uniformed beneficiaries is an inactivated, injectable vaccine manufactured by Novartis.**
Priority is deployed or deploying service members, direct healthcare providers, then all other active duty and 7th CSC Reservists.
- Novartis and Sanofi-Pasteur are licensed suppliers of seasonal influenza vaccines, and use the same manufacturing processes and quality testing procedures for H1N1 vaccine.
- Hand hygiene/respiratory etiquette is key for prevention.

For more information

ERMC H1N1 Web page
<http://ermc.amedd.army.mil>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
www.cdc.gov

Dept. of Health and Human Services
www.flu.gov

European CDC
www.ecdc.europa.eu