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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS
PRINCIPALS
DoDDS-E DIVISION CHIEFS

SUBJECT: DoDEA Immunizations SY 2011-2012

In response to guidance received from the Command Surgeon, US European Command, the seasonal flu immunization will remain a requirement for enrollment in DoDDS-E schools. Students will be permitted thirty (30) days from the time the local medical authority notifies the school administration that the flu vaccine is available to obtain the required flu immunization. Students/sponsors will be permitted thirty (30) days from the date of enrollment to obtain other immunizations required by DoDEA.

With support from EUCOM and the military service commands in Europe, we will make a determined effort to ensure student and staff safety and to protect medically fragile students and staff should an epidemic be declared by military medical authority. DoDDS-E area, district and school leadership should actively communicate these goals to school communities and take steps to promote awareness of opportunities to receive vaccines. Local medical treatment facilities have been directed to work with schools to ensure timely immunizations. Principals should welcome requests for in-school immunization clinics and make every effort to arrange convenient immunization administration for students and staff.

It is important that requests for waivers to this requirement based on medical, religious, or other personal circumstances be respected. Waivers must be requested in writing and a file of the granted waivers must be maintained by the principal or supervisor at the school or office. In the event of an epidemic, for the protection of others, the exempt student or staff member must be excluded from school/workplace (e.g. *excused absence, administrative leave, telework*) until the installation medical professional determines the epidemic period is over. To ensure our preparation should this contingency come to pass, principals and school health nurses should work together to determine the most efficient method to ensure compliance and make any necessary modifications to current immunization record keeping routines for both students and staff. DoDDS-E Division Chiefs and District Superintendents should maintain adequate records to be able to identify employees who would be at risk if not immunized or for other medical reasons. This policy will remain in effect until superseded or cancelled.

Thank you for your assistance. Questions should be referred to Mr. Harvey Gerry, Chief of Staff, DoDDS-E.


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