

Flu immunization Schedule set for TAMC

Tripler Army Medical Center will provide approximately 5,000 influenza immunizations to Soldiers, hospital staff, and family members in preparation for the 2006 flu season. Getting the flu shot protects you, your families, and all our beneficiaries.

Active duty are **required** to receive the influenza vaccine each year. Civilian health care workers are highly encouraged to receive the influenza vaccine as it protects our patients from a serious illness. All other beneficiaries are recommended to take the flu vaccine, especially children and elderly people, as well as people with chronic illnesses. **NOTE:** Hawaii, in particular the Pacific Regional Medical Command, is the place from which most influenza cases have been reported in the Army so far this influenza season.

There are two main formulations of the flu vaccine this year: an injectable form and an intranasal spray form. Eligible, healthy people in the age group 5-49 years of age are encouraged to take the intranasal spray.

The Adult Immunization Clinic on the 4th floor-C Wing will provide Mass Influenza Immunizations to active duty soldiers and hospital staff assigned to TAMC on Nov. 3 from 0800 to 1500. **The 3 November date is a mandatory immunization date for active duty at Tripler.** It will be available to all service members, hospital staff, adult family members, DoD Civilians and Retirees **Nov. 17, 20, 27 and Dec. 1.**

The Adult Immunizations clinic will be using **roving carts** throughout TAMC for **two weeks starting Nov. 1 by appointment with the Immunization Clinic**

(Call LT Celinda Scott at 433-3099 to arrange). The roving carts are reserved for personnel who cannot attend the scheduled flu shot clinics.

The TAMC Family Medicine Clinic is currently vaccinating children 6-59 months old. Flu vaccine will be available daily to all Family Medicine enrolled patients beginning Nov. 1.

Both **Tripler and Schofield Barracks Pediatric Immunization Clinic** will offer immunizations **beginning Nov. 1** for children ages six months to 59 months old and children with chronic illnesses. **Both clinics** will provide flu shots to **enrolled** children five years old and older **beginning Nov. 1**.

The Pediatrics Clinic will take part in a mass influenza immunization day for children on **Veterans Day, Nov. 10, 8 a.m. - noon**.

The Preventive Medicine Department along with the Joint Public Health Working Group will take the influenza immunizations to the public in the **"Pandemic Roadshow"**. Immunizations will be available at the **Pearl Harbor Exchange Nov. 3-4; Fort Shafter Commissary Nov. 17; Schofield Barracks Exchange Nov. 18; Hickam Air Force Base Exchange Dec. 1 and Kaneohe Marine Base Exchange Dec. 2**.