

**MEMORANDUM TO ALL EMPLOYEES
IN THE WASHINGTON, D.C. METROPOLITAN AREA**

Influenza Immunization

Influenza vaccine, “flu shots,” will again be offered to Washington, D.C. area USDA employees. As always, *employees over 60 years of age or those with chronic illnesses, such as high blood pressure, heart, lung, or kidney disease, have the greatest need for increased protection* against the flu. Anyone who wishes to reduce his or her chances of contracting the flu should receive the vaccine.

People allergic to eggs or chicken, or chicken feathers, should not receive the vaccine. This year the influenza virus vaccine is trivalent and contains both types A and B. Type A virus contains A/New Caledonia and A/Panama; type B contains B/Hong Kong. The vaccine cannot cause the flu because it contains only inactivated viruses. The most frequent side effect is soreness at the site of the injection. Less likely reactions are a slight fever and muscle aches.

This year, flu shots from the USDA South Building Health Unit will be dispensed for 2 days, in an effort to keep lines and waiting time to a minimum. The Health Unit will continue to dispense remaining supplies of vaccine this fall and winter, until the supply is exhausted.

Last Name Starting With the Letter	Immunization Date	Location/Times
A thru J K thru Z	Wednesday, October 23, 2002 Wednesday, October 23, 2002	South Building 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
A thru J K thru Z	Thursday, October 24, 2002 Thursday, October 24, 2002	South Building 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

For future South Building make-up dates, please call (202) 720-3281.

For dates, times, and locations for the field health units and field sites, please refer to the last page of this memorandum.

THIS YEAR, AS A PUBLIC SERVICE, THE FLU SHOTS WILL BE FREE.

Please sign the consent form on the reverse side.

INFLUENZA VACCINE CONSENT/REGISTRATION FORM

I have read the information about the influenza vaccine and the possible side effects. I agree to receive the flu vaccine.

NAME: _____
(print)

AGENCY: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

Manufacturer and Lot Number: _____

Date: _____

Nurse's Initials: _____

The dates, times, and locations for field health units are as follows:

GWCC	Wednesday, October 23, 2002	8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
BARC-EAST	Wednesday, October 23, 2002	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
NAL	Wednesday, October 23, 2002	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
BARC-WEST	Wednesday, October 23, 2002	2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Riverdale	Wednesday, October 23, 2002	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Riverdale	Wednesday, October 23, 2002	1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The dates, times, and locations for field sites are as follows:

Rosslyn	Wednesday, October 30, 2002	9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Waterfront	Wednesday, October 30, 2002	1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
“L” Street	Thursday, October 31, 2002	9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Reporters Bldg.	Thursday, October 31, 2002	1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.