



Secretariat

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INFORMATION CIRCULAR N°. 50

Subject: Influenza Vaccination

1. The Medical Service has acquired a limited number of doses of influenza vaccine.
2. **Vaccination is advisable** for staff members over 50 years of age and is particularly recommended for those suffering from chronic lung, cardiovascular or kidney disease or from diabetes and for people convalescing after a severe illness or operation.
3. **It is contraindicated** in cases of acute infection, treatment with corticosteroids and allergy to eggs, thiomersal or Neomycin. It is not contraindicated during pregnancy, but it is preferable not to be vaccinated during the first three months of pregnancy unless there is a warning of an epidemic.
4. **Vaccination is available only** to active staff members of the Organization excluding members of their families and delegates.
5. The vaccination campaign will begin on **Monday, 18 October 2004** and will continue **while stocks last**.
6. **Vaccinations will be performed daily from Monday to Friday:**

**at the Medical Service, Door 2, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
at the Medical Service, E-Building (Room E-3035),  
from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.**

**No appointment or prior telephone call is necessary**

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