From: Manager, Family Care Program, Marine and Family Programs Division, Marine Corps Community Services, Lejeune-New River
To: Patrons, Lejeune-New River Child & Youth Programs

Subj: REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN CHILD AND YOUTH PROGRAMS; INFLUENZA VACCINATION DUE 2 DECEMBER 2019

Ref: MCO 1710.30

1. Per the reference all children enrolled in U.S. Marine Corps Child Development Centers (CDC) or School Age Care Programs (SAC) shall have on file documentation of current age-appropriate immunizations per recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics.

2. All children enrolled in a CDC, 6 months of age or older, or SAC must be immunized against influenza for the 2019-2020 influenza season. Please note that some children 6 months of age or older will require two doses of the influenza vaccine, administered no sooner than four weeks apart. Children who will require two influenza vaccinations are those who have not received a total of two or more doses before 1 July 2019. Documentation of influenza vaccination received for the 2019-2020 influenza season will be required no later than 2 December 2019 for all children in a CDC or SAC program.

3. Influenza vaccines are available at the either the Naval Medical Center Immunization Clinic or the Pediatric Immunization Clinic on a walk-in basis. Immunizations will also be available at selected CDCs and the Camp Lejeune Marine Corps Exchange during specially scheduled and advertised dates.

4. Exemptions of the influenza vaccination for children enrolled in a CDC or SAC are permissible for medical or religious reasons and must be requested annually. Exemptions are only approved following receipt of applicable documentation (forms available at the front desk):

   a. Medical Exemptions - A written statement from the participant’s health care provider is required and must state the specific immunization the medical exemption is for and the reason/contraindication.
b. **Religious Exemptions** - A signed and notarized Religious Exemption Affirmation for Immunizations/Waiver of Liability and Assumption of Risk Agreement

5. Child and Youth Programs will exclude children who have not provided documentation of the 2019-2020 influenza vaccination (or requested and received approval of a medical or religious exemption) on Monday 16 December 2019.

   a. Children who require two doses to meet the 2019-2020 influenza vaccination requirement, must provide documentation of the second dose 4 weeks from the initial dose, or by 6 January 2020, whichever is later.

   b. Children who turn six months after 2 December 2019 will be required to submit documentation upon receipt of the first dose, followed by documentation of the second dose no sooner than four weeks after the initial dose.

6. Please speak to your medical provider regarding the specific immunization schedule that is recommended for your child and provide appropriate documentation. During the period of exclusion, parents are responsible for payment of child care fees to maintain enrollment in the program. Failure to remit fees as scheduled will result in denial of services per the payment policy signed at enrollment.

7. Children attending a CDC or SAC with an approved exemption may be excluded from participation in the event of a widespread influenza outbreak in that facility for the duration of the influenza season. Children who are in the process of receiving age appropriate immunizations will not be excluded from care. During the period of exclusion, parents are responsible for payment of child care fees to maintain enrollment in the program. Failure to remit fees as scheduled will result in denial of services per the payment policy signed at enrollment.

8. Point of contact in this matter is Ms. Rachel Nelson, at (910)449-9581.