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INFLUENZA (FLU) VACCINES AVAILABLE FOR FIRST RESPONDERS, THE ELDERLY, AND PEOPLE WITH UNDERLYING MEDICAL CONDITIONS

The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform the public that a limited number of flu vaccines is now available for healthcare workers and first responders, the elderly (65 years and over) and people with underlying medical conditions (i.e., diabetes, heart disease, cancer) in the Hospital Registry. Flu is a contagious respiratory disease that can lead to serious illness, hospitalization, or even death, especially among people with compromised immune systems. The best protection against influenza (flu) is to get a flu vaccine annually.

There will be five closed points of dispensing (PODS)¹ to vaccinate the following:

Target Group	Location/POD	Date	Time
Healthcare workers	Ministry of Health	Oct 27	730am-430pm
ARFF Officers, Airport Personnel	ARFF Station	Oct 28	9am-5pm
Fire, Patrol, Corrections, & CID	Fire Department	Oct 28	9am-5pm
Koror State Rangers	KSG Rangers Office	Oct 28	9am-5pm
Elderly and NCD Patients ²	CCHC I (Koror)	Oct 29	9am-5pm
Elderly and NCD Patients	WCHC (Ngeremlengui)	Oct 29	9am-5pm

This first batch of vaccines is being utilized to vaccinate the specific priority groups above. Notifications to these individuals will be made through emails, letters, and phone calls. MOH will be receiving more flu vaccines in the upcoming weeks, and will further announce their availability to the public.

We thank you for your support and understanding, as we wait for more vaccines. If you have any questions or need further information on the flu vaccine, please contact the Immunization Program at 488-7252/775-2898.

¹ Closed PODs are not open for general public, but used to give out vaccines to target groups. These groups of people will be contacted individually to come in for vaccination.

² Elderly are those 65 years and older. NCD patients are those in the Hospital Registry.