

Memorandum

To: CYP Parents/Guardians, MCAS Yuma

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Re: **Mandatory Flu Vaccine for CYP Participants**

USMC Child and Youth Programs Immunization Policy

Dear CYP Parents/Guardians:

Influenza season is upon us. CYP follows public health and preventative medicine guidelines. Per MCO 1710.30A, it is **mandatory** that all children, six months and older, enrolled in Child and Youth Programs receive the annual influenza vaccine.

2026 INFLUENZA VACCINE DOCUMENTATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2026

Marine Corps Order states all children six months and older who attend Marine Corps Child and Youth Programs are required to receive the annual influenza vaccine. Families who have not submitted the required documentation by November 20th 2026 will not be permitted to attend care until the requirement has been met. If your infant turns 6 months old during the flu season, you will be required at that time to have your child vaccinated. The purpose of this policy is to minimize the transmission of the influenza virus in the childcare setting. **Proof of vaccination will need to be submitted by 20th November 2026 to the CDC and Youth Center front desk.**

Flu Signs & Symptoms:

- Sudden onset of fever and can present with a cough
- Sore throat & runny nose
- Headache & nasal congestion
- Chills & aching muscles or fatigue

Keep Your Child Home if They Are Sick with the Flu:

- Child must remain fever free for 24 hours without the aid of fever reducing medication before returning to care.
- DO NOT send a sick child to a group childcare program.
- Child must be well enough to be able to participate in normal program activities.

Plan Ahead for the Flu Season:

- Get the flu shot early.
- Be familiar with CYP's updated exclusion policy.
- Be prepared to keep your child home if ill with the flu.
- Update emergency contacts.
- Discuss influenza prevention with your child's healthcare provider if your child has a chronic medical condition that may increase the risk of influenza complications.
- **Teach Your Children Healthy Habits:**
 - Wash hands frequently with soap and water
 - Cough & sneeze into your sleeve or elbow, not your hands.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
 - Get plenty of sleep
 - Eat a well-balanced diet