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SUBJ: EXTENSION OF EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION FOR ANTHRAX  
VACCINATIONS

REF A. HQ USAF/XO MESSAGE, EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION TO RESUME  
ANTHRAX VACCINATION, DTG 201637Z MAY 05

REF B. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA) MEMO, 22 JUL 05

REF C. AIR FORCE PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTING THE ANTHRAX VACCINE  
IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM (AVIP) UNDER EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION  
(EUA) CONDITIONS, 26 JUL 05

1. ON 20 MAY 05, HQ USAF/XO DIRECTED THE RESUMPTION OF ANTHRAX  
VACCINATIONS (REF A) UNDER SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF AN EMERGENCY USE  
AUTHORIZATION (EUA), AND PROVIDED THE FIELD WITH AN AF-SPECIFIC EUA  
AVIP IMPLEMENTATION PLAN THAT CONTAINED PROCEDURES FOR  
IMPLEMENTATION AND OPERATION OF THE AVIP UNDER EUA CONDITIONS.  
VACCINATIONS UNDER THE INITIAL EUA WERE AUTHORIZED FOR A SIX-MONTH  
PERIOD AND WERE SET TO EXPIRE ON 27 JUL 05.
2. ON 22 JUL 05 THE FDA APPROVED AN EXTENSION OF THE EUA UNTIL 14 JAN 06  
(REF B). THERE ARE NO CHANGES TO THE CURRENT DOD OR AIR FORCE POLICY  
FOR ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS UNDER EUA CONDITIONS.
3. THE ANTHRAX VACCINATION PROGRAM REMAINS A COMMANDER'S FORCE  
PROTECTION RESPONSIBILITY. COMMANDERS WILL FOLLOW GUIDANCE  
PROVIDED IN REF C TO PROPERLY IDENTIFY AND EDUCATE PERSONNEL TO BE  
VACCINATED, TRACK IMMUNIZATIONS, AND ENSURE APPROPRIATE MEDICAL  
EVALUATION IF THEY EXPERIENCE SYMPTOMS FOLLOWING ANY VACCINATION.

COMMANDERS WILL RESPECT THE OPTION TO REFUSE ANTHRAX VACCINATION DURING THE EUA.

4. TO ADMINISTER ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS UNDER THE EUA, ALL INSTALLATIONS OR UNITS MUST BE CERTIFIED BY THE MILITARY VACCINE AGENCY (MILVAX). FOR INSTALLATIONS OR UNITS THAT ARE ALREADY CERTIFIED, RECERTIFICATION IS NOT REQUIRED UNLESS THERE IS A CHANGE IN PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THE AVIP EUA OFFICER-IN-CHARGE POSITION. WEEKLY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS REMAIN IN EFFECT.

5. THIS EXTENSION OF THE EUA EXPIRES ON 14 JAN 06. ALL VACCINATIONS MUST CEASE BY 2400 LOCAL TIME ON THAT DATE UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED BY HQ USAF/XO.

6. A COMPLETE ARCHIVE OF AF GUIDANCE ON THE ANTHRAX VACCINATION PROGRAM, INCLUDING THIS MESSAGE AND ALL REFERENCES, IS AVAILABLE AT: [https://www.xo.hq.af.mil/xos/xosf/xosfc/CCBRNE\\_resource/biological/anthrax/index.asp](https://www.xo.hq.af.mil/xos/xosf/xosfc/CCBRNE_resource/biological/anthrax/index.asp)

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