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SUBJ/RESUMPTION OF MANDATORY ANTHRAX VACCINE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM/(AVIP)//

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AMPN/ REF A IS ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE AND CLARIFICATION FROM PACFLT FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE MANDATORY AND VOLUNTARY AVIP PROGRAM FOR NAVAL UNITS AND PERSONNEL IN THE PACFLT AOR. REF B IS CNO GUIDANCE DIRECTING THE RESUMPTION OF THE MANDATORY AVIP PROGRAM FOR DESIGNATED DOD PERSONNEL AND ELIGIBILITY FOR VOLUNTARY CONTINUATION OF ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS WITHIN THE PACFLT AOR. REF C IS THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (DEPSECDEF) MEMO DIRECTING RESUMPTION OF THE MANDATORY AVIP PROGRAM FOR DOD PERSONNEL AND ELIGIBILITY FOR VOLUNTARY CONTINUATION OF ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS. REF D IS UNDERSECRETARY OF DEFENSE (PERSONNEL AND READINESS) (USD (P&R)) MEMO PROVIDING IMPLEMENTATION GUIDANCE FOR RESUMING THE MANDATORY AVIP. REF E IS SECNAVINST 6230.4, DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY (DON) AVIP PROGRAM GUIDANCE. REF F IS BUMEDINST 6230.15A, IMMUNIZATION AND CHEMOPROPHYLAXIS GUIDANCE. REF G IS USD (P&R) POLICY MEMO ON ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES RELATED TO THE AVIP. REF H IS ASD (HEALTH AFFAIRS) POLICY MEMO ON CLINICAL ISSUES RELATED TO ANTHRAX VACCINATION.//
GENTEXT/REMARKS/1. POLICY. BASED ON THE CONTINUING THREAT TO U.S. PERSONNEL OF ATTACK WITH ANTHRAX SPORES BASED ON GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF ASSIGNMENT, THE CNO AND DEPSECDEF HAVE DIRECTED RESUMPTION OF THE MANDATORY AVIP PROGRAM, CONSISTENT WITH FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION GUIDELINES, FOR DESIGNATED PERSONNEL AND THE VOLUNTARY INITIAL IMMUNIZATION AND CONTINUATION OF AVIP FOR OTHER INDIVIDUALS. THIS MESSAGE DISSEMINATES GUIDANCE AND CLARIFICATION FROM COMSEVENTHFLT FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE MANDATORY AND VOLUNTARY AVIP PROGRAM FOR NAVAL UNITS AND PERSONNEL IN THE SEVENTHFLT AOR, PER REF A.

2. MANDATORY ANTHRAX IMMUNIZATIONS. ANTHRAX IMMUNIZATIONS ARE MANDATORY FOR THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL UNLESS EXEMPTED UNDER APPLICABLE ADMINISTRATIVE AND MEDICAL EXEMPTION POLICIES, REFS G AND H:

A. UNIFORMED NAVY PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THE KOREAN PENINSULA FOR 15 OR MORE CONSECUTIVE DAYS.

B. FORWARD DEPLOYED NAVAL FORCES IN THE C7F AOR OR DESIGNATED AS EARLY DEPLOYERS (C-DAY TO C+20) TO THE KOREAN PENINSULA. FOR CLARIFICATION, THESE FORCES ARE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:

(1) ALL SURFACE FORCES HOMEPORTED IN JAPAN OR GUAM TO INCLUDE HEADQUARTERS ELEMENTS IF CO-LOCATED IN THE C7F AOR.

(2) ALL AIR FORCES HOMEPORTED IN JAPAN OR GUAM TO INCLUDE HEADQUARTERS ELEMENTS IF CO-LOCATED IN THE C7F AOR.

(3) ALL SUBMARINE FORCES HOMEPORTED IN JAPAN OR GUAM TO INCLUDE HEADQUARTERS ELEMENTS IF CO-LOCATED IN THE C7F AOR.

(4) ALL MSC SUPPORT SHIPS PERMANENTLY DEPLOYED IN THE C7F AOR TO INCLUDE MPRON SHIPS.

(A) COMMANDER, MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND (MSC) WILL PROVIDE SPECIFIC GUIDANCE CONCERNING IMMUNIZATIONS FOR CIVILIAN MARINERS TO INCLUDE FOREIGN NATIONAL MARINERS.

(5) ALL SHORE BASED SUPPORT UNITS LOCATED IN JAPAN, GUAM, AND SINGAPORE TO INCLUDE NMCB UNITS.

(6) ALL NAVAL FORCES DEPLOYED FROM OTHER NUMBERED FLEETS TO THE C7F AOR. UNITS TRANSITING C7F ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THIS GUIDANCE.

(7) RESERVE DETACHMENT 111 PERSONNEL.

C. EMERGENCY ESSENTIAL AND EQUIVALENT DOD CIVILIANS ASSIGNED TO THE KOREAN PENINSULA FOR 15 OR MORE CONSECUTIVE DAYS.

(1) FOR DETERMINATION OF EMERGENCY ESSENTIAL AND EQUIVALENT DOD CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES CONTACT THE LOCAL CIVILIAN PERSONNEL CENTER.

D. EMERGENCY ESSENTIAL AND EQUIVALENT DOD CIVILIANS ASSIGNED TO FORWARD DEPLOYED NAVAL FORCES OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH 2.A. ABOVE.

(1) FOR DETERMINATION OF EMERGENCY ESSENTIAL AND EQUIVALENT DOD CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES, CONTACT THE LOCAL CIVILIAN PERSONNEL CENTER.

E. UNIFORMED PERSONNEL WITH PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION (PCS), TEMPORARY DUTY, OR RESERVE ORDERS LASTING MORE THAN 15 CONSECUTIVE DAYS TO LOCATIONS COVERED BY THE MANDATORY PROGRAM WILL BE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MANDATORY AVIP PROGRAM.

(1) ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS FOR PERSONNEL UNDER THIS CATEGORY SHOULD START OR RESUME NOT EARLIER THAN 60 DAYS IN ADVANCE OF DEPLOYMENT WITH THE GOAL OF ADMINISTERING THE FIRST THREE DOSES OF THE SIX-DOSE SERIES PRIOR TO ARRIVAL IN THEATER.

3. VOLUNTARY ANTHRAX IMMUNIZATIONS. THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL ARE ELIGIBLE FOR VOLUNTARY VACCINATIONS (SUBJECT TO MEDICAL EXEMPTION) BASED ON CURRENT LOCATION OR STATUS.

A. U.S. GOVERNMENT CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES AND U.S. CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL WHEN ASSIGNED FOR 15 OR MORE CONSECUTIVE DAYS TO KOREA, OTHER THAN THOSE REQUIRING MANDATORY VACCINATIONS AS OUTLINED UNDER THE FORWARD DEPLOYED NAVAL FORCES. FOR CONTRACTORS, ELIGIBILITY FOR VOLUNTARY VACCINATIONS WILL BE SPECIFIED IN THE CONTRACT.

B. ADULT FAMILY MEMBER, 18-65 YEARS OF AGE, ACCOMPANYING DOD MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL FOR 15 OR MORE DAYS TO KOREA.

C. U.S. CITIZEN ADULT FAMILY MEMBERS, 18-65 YEARS OF AGE, ACCOMPANYING U.S. CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL FOR 15 OR MORE CONSECUTIVE DAYS TO KOREA.

D. ALL PERSONNEL WHO BEGIN OR BEGAN THE SIX-DOSE VACCINE SERIES DURING OR AFTER 1998 WILL BE OFFERED COMPLETION OF THE VACCINE SERIES AND ANNUAL BOOSTERS, ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS, AS LONG AS THEY REMAIN MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OR MAINTAIN A CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OR CONTRACTOR STATUS COVERED BY THE PROGRAM. THIS GROUP INCLUDES PERSONNEL NO LONGER SUBJECT TO THE MANDATORY PROGRAM.

4. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MANDATORY AND VOLUNTARY AVIP PROGRAM:

A. ALL NAVAL UNITS IDENTIFIED UNDER THIS GUIDANCE ARE DIRECTED TO IMPLEMENT EXECUTION OF THE MANDATORY AVIP PROGRAM NLT 30JUN07.

B. UNITS MUST SUBMIT REGISTRY AGREEMENT AND CHECKLIST TO THE MILITARY VACCINE AGENCY PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF THE AVIP PROGRAM PER REF B.

UNITS WILL SUBMIT REGISTRY AGREEMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH GUIDANCE PROVIDED BY THE APPROPRIATE TYCOM. SHORE ACTIVITIES

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SHOULD COORDINATE WITH THE LOCAL MTF.

C. ADMINISTERING ACTIVITIES WILL SUBMIT MONTHLY REPORTS TO MILVAX AGENCY BY THE 5TH DAY OF THE FOLLOWING MONTHS AS OUTLINED IN REF B. FORWARD A COPY OF THE REPORT TO THE APPROPRIATE

TYCOM FOR COMPILATION BY THE TYCOM.

D. COMMANDING OFFICERS AND OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING ALL UNIT PERSONNEL HAVE RECEIVED REQUIRED TRAINING, EDUCATION AND UPDATES ON THE AVIP PROGRAM PRIOR TO RECEIVING THE VACCINATION.

GUIDANCE IS FOUND IN REF B.

E. REMAINING COMPLIANCE AND REPORTING GUIDANCE CAN BE FOUND IN REF B.

5. AVIP EDUCATION. COMMANDING OFFICERS (CO) AND OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE (OIC) ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR EDUCATING THEIR PERSONNEL PRIOR TO RECEIVING ANTHRAX IMMUNIZATIONS.

A. PERSONNEL WILL BE EDUCATED USING THE 12 OCTOBER 2006 VERSION OF THE DOD AVIP TRIFOLD BROCHURE AND BRIEFS ARE AVAILABLE AT WWW.ANTHRAX.MIL/AVIP2007. CO/OIC SHOULD CONSIDER DEVELOPING TEAMS OF LOCAL HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS AND OTHER SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS (E.G. JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL, PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER) TO ASSIST WITH DOD AVIP BRIEFINGS. KEY POINTS TO EMPHASIZE ARE:

- (1) YOUR HEALTH AND SAFETY ARE OUR NUMBER ONE CONCERN.
- (2) THE ANTHRAX VACCINE IS SAFE AND EFFECTIVE.
- (3) THE THREAT FROM ANTHRAX IS DEADLY AND REAL.
- (4) VACCINATION OFFERS A LAYER OF PROTECTION IN ADDITION TO ANTIBIOTICS AND OTHER MEASURES.

B. INFORM UNIFORM PERSONNEL REQUIRING MANDATORY ANTHRAX IMMUNIZATIONS THAT UNLESS MEDICALLY OR ADMINISTRATIVELY EXEMPT, ANY REFUSAL TO BE VACCINATED MAY CONSTITUTE A FAILURE TO OBEY A LAWFUL ORDER AND MAY BE PUNISHABLE UNDER THE UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE (UCMJ) AND/OR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION FOR FAILURE TO OBEY A LAWFUL ORDER (UCMJ, ARTICLE 92).

(1) ALL PERSONNEL SHALL HAVE ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS TO DISCUSS OBJECTIONS/CONCERNS WITH THE ANTHRAX VACCINE.

(2) REFUSALS BY CIVILIAN PERSONNEL SHOULD BE ADDRESSED WITH THE CIVILIAN PERSONNEL OFFICE.

C. PROVIDE EACH INDIVIDUAL A COPY OF THE DOD TRIFOLD BROCHURE DATED 12 OCTOBER 2006 (OR LATER VERSION) BEFORE EACH ANTHRAX IMMUNIZATION.

ANTHRAX IMMUNIZATIONS WILL NOT BE ADMINISTERED UNTIL A DOD AVIP TRIFOLD BROCHURE IS PROVIDED.

(1) ALL EARLIER VERSIONS OF THE DOD AVIP TRIFOLD BROCHURE WILL BE COLLECTED AND DISCARDED OR RECYCLED. DO NOT RETAIN THEM FOR FUTURE USE.

BE SURE TO REMOVE OBSOLETE DOD AVIP TRIFOLD BROCHURES FROM PAMPHLET RACKS IN WAITING ROOMS, ON BULLETIN BOARDS, INTRANETS, ETC.

(2) DOD AVIP TRIFOLD BROCHURES WILL BE SHIPPED TO REQUESTORS WHEN U.S.

ARMY MEDICAL MATERIEL AGENCY (USAMMA) RECEIVES VACCINE ORDERS (ONE FOR EACH DOSE ORDERED). ADDITIONAL TRIFOLDS MAY BE ORDERED FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES BY SENDING AN E-MAIL TO USAMMADOC@DET.AMEDD.ARMY.MIL OR VACCINES@AMEDD.ARMY.MIL. PLACE TRIFOLD_ORDER IN THE E-MAIL SUBJECT LINE, STATE NUMBER OF DOD AVIP TRIFOLD BROCHURES NEEDED AND PROVIDE A SHIPPING ADDRESS.

(3) DOD AVIP TRIFOLD BROCHURES CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE MILVAX WEBSITE LISTED IN PARA. 5A AND REPRODUCED IF NECESSARY.

D. COMMANDERS WILL SUPPLEMENT THE DOD AVIP TRIFOLD BROCHURE WHENEVER POSSIBLE WITH A STANDARD DOD AVIP BRIEFING AVAILABLE ON THE MILVAX WEBSITE CITED IN PARAGRAPH 5A.

6. ANTHRAX VACCINE ADMINISTRATION. THE FOLLOWING PROVIDES GUIDANCE FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS (E.G. PREVENTIVE MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF, AMBULATORY CARE, ALLERGY-IMMUNOLOGY, FLIGHT MEDICINE, AND EMERGENCY CARE) AND VACCINATORS.

7. ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATION AND GUIDANCE CAN BE OBTAINED FROM SEVENTHFLT N01H (FLEET SURGEON) AT 808-653-2121 OR DSN 453-2121.//

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