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VACCINATION PROGRAM (SVP) FOR ARMY CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES
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APMN/DEPSECDEF MEMO, SUBJ: EXPANSION OF FORCE HEALTH PROTECTION
ANTHRAX AND SMALLPOX IMMUNIZATION PROGRAMS FOR DOD PERSONNEL
1. (U) THE ANTHRAX AND SMALLPOX VACCINATION PROGRAMS OUTLINED IN
REFERENCES A-I REMAIN IN FULL EFFECT. THESE PROGRAMS ARE AMENDED TO
INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS IAW DEPSECDEF GUIDANCE ISSUED 28 JUN
04 (REF J):
1.A. (U) US CENTRAL COMMAND (CENTCOM) AND US EUROPEAN COMMAND (EUCOM)
AREA OF OPERATIONS (AOR):
1.A.(1) (U) SMALLPOX VACCINATIONS: NO CHANGE TO THE CURRENT PROGRAM
IMPLEMENTED IN DEC 02 (REF F-I). CONTINUE MANDATORY VACCINATIONS FOR
ALL SOLDIERS, EMERGENCY-ESSENTIAL CIVILIANS, AND MISSION-ESSENTIAL
CONTRACTORS ASSIGNED TO OR DEPLOYING FOR 15 OR MORE CONSECUTIVE DAYS
TO ALL COUNTRIES IN THE CENTCOM AOR PLUS PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED
HIGHER-THREAT AREAS (HTA) IN THE EUCOM AOR.
1.A.(2) (U) ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS: EXPAND FROM THE PREVIOUSLY
DESIGNATED FIFTEEN HTA IN THE CENTCOM AND EUCOM AOR TO INCLUDE ALL OF
THE CENTCOM AOR, THUS ADDING THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES: AFGHANISTAN,
DJIBOUTI, EGYPT, ERITREA, ETHIOPIA, IRAN, KAZAKHSTAN, KENYA,
KYRGYZSTAN, PAKISTAN, SEYCHELLES, SOMALIA, SUDAN, TAJIKISTAN,
TURKMENISTAN, AND UZBEKISTAN. THE SMALL NUMBER OF EUCOM HTA COUNTRIES

HAS NOT CHANGED. IMMEDIATELY BEGIN MANDATORY VACCINATIONS FOR SOLDIERS ASSIGNED TO OR DEPLOYING FOR 15 OR MORE CONSECUTIVE DAYS TO THESE NEWLY DESIGNATED COUNTRIES.

1.A.(3) (U) DO NOT, REPEAT, DO NOT BEGIN MANDATORY SMALLPOX AND ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS FOR DOD EMERGENCY-ESSENTIAL (EE) CIVILIANS AND MISSION-ESSENTIAL CONTRACTORS IN THESE NEWLY DESIGNATED COUNTRIES UNTIL FURTHER IMPLEMENTATION GUIDANCE IS ISSUED BY HQDA. GUIDANCE ON OTHER NON-EMERGENCY ESSENTIAL CIVILIAN WORKERS WILL BE FORTHCOMING.

1.A.(4) (U) CONSISTENT WITH PREVIOUS PROGRAM GUIDANCE, COMMANDS AT THIS TIME SHOULD OFFER VOLUNTARY ANTHRAX AND SMALLPOX VACCINATIONS TO APPROPRIATE FAMILY MEMBERS LOCATED IN THE NEWLY DESIGNATED COUNTRIES. ANTHRAX VACCINE IS LICENSED FOR USE IN PEOPLE 18 TO 65 YEARS OF AGE. SMALLPOX VACCINE IN PREOUTBREAK SETTINGS IS LICENSED FOR USE IN PEOPLE 18 YEARS OR OLDER.

1.B. (U) US PACIFIC COMMAND (PACOM) AOR:

1.B.(1) (U) EXPAND ANTHRAX AND SMALLPOX VACCINATIONS TO INCLUDE SOLDIERS ASSIGNED IN OR DESIGNATED AS EARLY DEPLOYERS (C-DAY TO C+20) TO THE KOREAN PENINSULA FOR 15 OR MORE CONSECUTIVE DAYS. THIS INCLUDES ACTIVE AND RESERVE SOLDIERS THAT ARE PERMANENT PARTY, ON TEMPORARY DUTY, OR ON ANNUAL TRAINING (AT). BEGIN VACCINATIONS FOR EARLY DEPLOYING SOLDIERS ONLY AFTER CONFIRMATION BY APPROPRIATE OPERATIONAL HEADQUARTERS THAT THE INDIVIDUAL OR UNIT IS LISTED ON C-DAY TO C+20 FORCE FLOW PLANS IN SUPPORT OF THE KOREAN PENINSULA CONTINGENCY OPLAN.

1.B.(2) (U) COMMANDS ISSUING ORDERS FOR PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION, AND FOR TEMPORARY DUTY OR ANNUAL TRAINING LASTING MORE THAN 15 CONSECUTIVE DAYS, WILL INCLUDE IN THE ORDERS THE REQUIREMENT TO COMPLETE THE SMALLPOX VACCINATION AND START OR RESUME ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS AT THE LOSING INSTALLATION NOT LATER THAN 60 DAYS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL IN KOREA TO THE FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE. THE GOAL IS TO ACHIEVE AT LEAST THE FIRST THREE DOSES OF THE SIX-DOSE SERIES PRIOR TO ARRIVAL IN THEATER.

1.B.(3) (U) DO NOT BEGIN MANDATORY SMALLPOX AND ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS FOR DOD EE CIVILIANS AND MISSION-ESSENTIAL CONTRACTORS IN THESE NEWLY DESIGNATED COUNTRIES UNTIL FURTHER IMPLEMENTATION GUIDANCE IS ISSUED BY HQDA. GUIDANCE ON OTHER NON-EE CIVILIAN WORKERS WILL BE FORTHCOMING AS WELL.

1.B.(4) (U) OFFER VOLUNTARY ANTHRAX AND SMALLPOX VACCINATIONS TO APPROPRIATE FAMILY MEMBERS LOCATED IN KOREA. ANTHRAX VACCINE IS LICENSED FOR USE IN PEOPLE 18 TO 65 YEARS OF AGE. SMALLPOX VACCINE IN PREOUTBREAK SETTINGS IS LICENSED FOR USE IN PEOPLE 18 YEARS OR OLDER.

2. (U) ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS:

2.A. (U) SOLDIERS RESUMING ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS UNDER THE SEP 02 RESUMPTION POLICY (REF B) OR THE EXPANDED POLICY IDENTIFIED IN PARAGRAPHS 1A AND 1B ABOVE WILL CONTINUE THE DOSING SERIES WHERE THEY LEFT OFF. THESE SOLDIERS WILL NOT NEED TO REPEAT ANY DOSES ALREADY RECEIVED IN THE SERIES. THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH GUIDANCE FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL (CDC) AND PREVENTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON IMMUNIZATION PRACTICES AND THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION.

2.B. (U) ONCE SOLDIERS HAVE BEGUN OR RESUMED THE SIX-SHOT ANTHRAX VACCINATION SERIES UNDER THE CURRENT AND EXPANDED PROGRAMS, THEY WILL CONTINUE THE SERIES IAW THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION-APPROVED DOSING SCHEDULE OF 0, 2, AND 4 WEEKS; THEN 6, 12, AND 18 MONTHS, FOLLOWED BY ANNUAL BOOSTERS. THE INITIAL SERIES AND BOOSTERS MUST BE CONTINUED ONCE STARTED REGARDLESS OF ANY CHANGE IN GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION.

2.C. (U) SOLDIERS WHO HAD THEIR ANTHRAX VACCINATION SERIES DEFERRED

DUE TO PROGRAM SLOWDOWNS IN 2000-2001, AND ARE NOT INCLUDED UNDER THE SEP O2 RESUMPTION POLICY (REF B) OR THE EXPANDED POLICY IDENTIFIED IN PARAGRAPHS 1A AND 1B ABOVE, WILL NOT RESUME THEIR ANTHRAX

VACCINATIONS UNTIL FURTHER IMPLEMENTATION GUIDANCE IS ISSUED BY HQDA.

2.D. (U) HQDA G1 WILL ISSUE UPDATED PERSONNEL PLANNING GUIDANCE (PPG) FOR IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS REQUIRED FOR OVERSEAS MOVEMENT IN SUPPORT OF ONE, OIF, OEF, AND KOREA.

2.E. (U) BEFORE BEGINNING SMALLPOX VACCINATIONS AT ANY INSTALLATION, COORDINATE WITH STATE, COUNTY, OR HOST NATION PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTS TO EXPLAIN EDUCATIONAL AND INFECTION-CONTROL MEASURES TO BE FOLLOWED TO PREVENT INADVERTENT INFECTION OF CLOSE CONTACTS OF SMALLPOX VACCINEES.

3. (U) THE ANTHRAX AND SMALLPOX VACCINATION PROGRAMS REMAIN A COMMANDERS FORCE HEALTH PROTECTION RESPONSIBILITY. COMMANDERS WILL FOLLOW GUIDANCE PROVIDED IN REFERENCES B-D TO PROPERLY IDENTIFY AND EDUCATE SOLDIERS TO BE VACCINATED, TRACK IMMUNIZATIONS, AND ENSURE APPROPRIATE MEDICAL EVALUATION IF THEY EXPERIENCE SYMPTOMS FOLLOWING ANY VACCINATION. ENSURE ALL POTENTIAL VACCINEES GET THEIR OWN COPY OF ANTHRAX, SMALLPOX-SELF, OR SMALLPOX-FAMILY TRI-FOLD BROCHURE. IF YOUR CLINIC OR IMMUNIZATION TEAM NEEDS ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE BROCHURES, CALL 877-GET-VACC. COMMANDERS SHOULD REVIEW THE EDUCATION TOOLKIT AND THE QUESTION AND ANSWERS POSTED ON THE WEBSITES, WWW.ANTHRAX.MIL AND WWW.SMALLPOX.MIL. UNCLASSIFIED REFERENCES AND PROCEDURES AND EDUCATIONAL TOOLS ARE AVAILABLE AT [HTTP://WWW.VACCINES.MIL](http://www.vaccines.mil).

4. (U) UNITS AND INSTALLATIONS SHOULD DEVELOP ROUTINE PROCEDURES TO DETERMINE WHEN PERSONNEL NEED SUBSEQUENT DOSES OF ANTHRAX VACCINE, UNLESS MEDICALLY OR ADMINISTRATIVELY EXEMPT, AT EACH OF THE FOLLOWING OPPORTUNITIES:

4.A. (U) DURING IN- AND OUT-PROCESSING TO AN INSTALLATION, UNIT, OR TRAINING SCHOOLS.

4.B. (U) WHEN SCREENING FOR INFLUENZA OR OTHER IMMUNIZATIONS.

4.C. (U) BASED ON ELECTRONIC IMMUNIZATION TRACKING-SYSTEM SHOTS-DUE REPORTS.

4.D. (U) DURING DEPLOYMENT READINESS PROCESSING IN PREPARATION FOR OVERSEAS MOVEMENT.

4.E. (U) UPON REDEPLOYMENT FROM A COMBAT ZONE.

4.F. (U) DURING BIRTH-MONTH PERSONNEL AND MEDICAL RECORDS AUDITS.

4.G. (U) DURING PERIODIC PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS.

4.H. (U) DURING OTHER ROUTINE OR PERIODIC ENCOUNTERS.

5. (U) ALL IMMUNIZATIONS WILL BE IMMEDIATELY ENTERED INTO THE MEDICAL PROTECTION SYSTEM (MEDPROS), THE HQDA STANDARD FOR TRACKING ALL INDIVIDUAL MEDICAL READINESS INDICATORS IN THE ACTIVE AND RESERVE COMPONENTS. LEADERS AT ALL LEVELS CAN TRACK INDIVIDUAL AND UNIT COMPLIANCE USING MEDPROS ON THE INTERNET AT [WWW.MODS.ARMY.MIL](http://www.mods.army.mil). USERS MAY REQUEST A LOGON ID DIRECTLY FROM THE WEBSITE OR BY CALLING THE MODS HELP DESK AT DSN 761-4976 OR 1-888-849-4341 FOR ASSISTANCE. COMMANDERS WILL ASSIGN DESIGNATED PERSONNEL TO ROUTINELY ACCESS MEDPROS TO KEEP THEIR UNITS CURRENT.

6. (U) THE U.S. ARMY MEDICAL MATERIEL AGENCY (USAMMA) WILL COORDINATE THE DISTRIBUTION OF ANTHRAX AND SMALLPOX VACCINE TO THE SUPPORTING MEDICAL SUPPLY ACTIVITIES OF ALL SERVICES. LOCAL MEDICAL LOGISTICS SUPPORTING ELEMENTS MUST HAVE SUFFICIENT REFRIGERATION CAPACITY TO PRESERVE VACCINE INTEGRITY, INCLUDING TEMPERATURE ALARMS AND BACK UP POWER CAPACITY. END-USERS WILL DIRECTLY REQUISITION VACCINE IAW USAMMA GUIDELINES IN THE ARMY ANTHRAX AND SMALLPOX IMPLEMENTATION PLANS. POCs AT USAMMA: (1) USAMMA DISTRIBUTION OPERATIONS CENTER COMM: 301-619-4121/4128/4198, DSN: 343-XXXX, FAX: DSN 343-4468. (2)

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7. (U) POCS

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8. (U) EXPIRATION DATE CANNOT BE DETERMINED

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