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SUBJ: EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION TO RESUME ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS

REF A. AUTHORIZATION OF EMERGENCY USE OF ANTHRAX VACCINE ADSORBED FOR PREVENTION OF INHALATION ANTHRAX BY INDIVIDUALS AT HEIGHTENED RISK OF EXPOSURE DUE TO ATTACK WITH ANTHRAX, FEDERAL REGISTER 2005; VOLUME 70 (FEB 2): PAGES 5452-5256, DOCKET NO. 2005N-0040

REF B. DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE MEMORANDUM, "RESUMPTION OF THE ANTHRAX VACCINE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM (AVIP) UNDER EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION (EUA), 25 APR 05

REF C . UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR PERSONNEL AND READINESS MEMORANDUM, "IMPLEMENTATION OF RESUMPTION OF THE ANTHRAX VACCINE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM (AVIP) UNDER EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION (EUA), 29 APR 05

REF D. AIR FORCE PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTING THE ANTHRAX VACCINE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM (AVIP) UNDER EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION (EUA) CONDITIONS, 20 MAY 05

REF E. MILITARY VACCINE AGENCY EDUCATIONAL BROCHURE, "WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ANTHRAX VACCINE", EUA VERSION

<http://www.anthrax.mil/eua>

1. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, AIR FORCE WILL RESUME ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS UNDER SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF AN EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION (EUA) AS OUTLINED IN REFS A, B AND C. TO FACILITATE AIR FORCE IMPLEMENTATION, HQ USAF HAS DEVELOPED A SPECIFIC EUA AVIP IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (REF D) THAT CONTAINS PROCEDURES FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND OPERATION OF THE AVIP UNDER EUA CONDITIONS.

2. MAJCOMS ARE DIRECTED TO HAVE THEIR INSTALLATIONS RESUME ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS UNDER THE SPECIFIC EUA GUIDELINES FOR:

2A. ALL MILITARY, EMERGENCY ESSENTIAL CIVILIAN, AND MISSION ESSENTIAL CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL ASSIGNED FOR 15 OR MORE CONSECUTIVE DAYS TO THE KOREAN PENINSULA AND THE US CENTRAL COMMAND (USCENTCOM) AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY (AOR). PERSONNEL ON ORDERS TO THOSE LOCATIONS MAY BEGIN VACCINATIONS UP TO 60 DAYS BEFORE DEPARTURE.

2B. MILITARY PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO DESIGNATED SPECIAL MISSION UNITS, UNITS WITH BIOWARFARE OR BIOTERRORISM-RELATED MISSIONS, AND OTHER SPECIALLY DESIGNATED MISSIONS IAW REF C.

3. CENTCOM HEADQUARTERS WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL IMPLEMENTING INSTRUCTIONS CONSISTENT WITH THIS MESSAGE FOR ALL COMPONENT MEDICAL TREATMENT FACILITIES WITHIN THE CENTCOM AOR.

4. NON-EMERGENCY ESSENTIAL US DOD CIVILIANS, NON-MISSION ESSENTIAL US DOD CONTRACTORS, ADULT DEPENDENTS (AGE 18-65) OF ALL MILITARY, US DOD CIVILIANS, AND US DOD CONTRACTORS WHO ARE DEPLOYING TO OR RESIDING IN THE KOREAN PENINSULA OR THE USCENTCOM AOR FOR 15 OR MORE CONSECUTIVE DAYS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR VACCINATION. VACCINATIONS FOR THESE PERSONNEL WILL BEGIN AFTER VACCINATIONS FOR MISSION-CRITICAL PERSONNEL (LISTED IN THE PARAGRAPH ABOVE) ARE ADDRESSED.

5. ALL PERSONNEL WILL CEASE ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS WHEN EXITING KOREA OR USCENTCOM OR NO LONGER MEET THE CRITERIA IN PARAS 2A, 2B, OR 4 ABOVE. ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS WILL BE OFFERED ONLY TO PERSONNEL IN CATEGORIES LISTED ABOVE AND ONLY TO THOSE PERSONNEL THAT ARE ACTUALLY LOCATED IN KOREA OR USCENTCOM OR PREPARING TO DEPLOY TO KOREA OR USCENTCOM.

6. CONDITIONS OF THE EUA.

6A. THE FDA GRANTED THE EUA WITH THE CONDITION THAT PERSONNEL DESIGNATED TO RECEIVE THE ANTHRAX VACCINATION MAY ACCEPT OR REFUSE VACCINATION. PER REF C, ALL INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE FOR ANTHRAX VACCINATION UNDER THE EUA WILL BE INFORMED THAT: "YOU MAY REFUSE ANTHRAX VACCINATION UNDER THE EUA, AND YOU WILL NOT BE PUNISHED. NO DISCIPLINARY ACTION OR ADVERSE PERSONNEL ACTION WILL BE TAKEN. YOU WILL NOT BE PROCESSED FOR SEPARATION, AND YOU WILL STILL BE DEPLOYABLE. THERE WILL BE NO PENALTY OR LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT FOR REFUSING ANTHRAX VACCINATION."

6B. ALL PERSONNEL RECEIVING THE VACCINATION MUST RECEIVE EDUCATION ABOUT THE VACCINE AND THE CONDITIONS OF THE EUA. THE PRIMARY MODE OF PROVIDING THIS EDUCATION TO INDIVIDUALS WILL TAKE THE FORM OF THE AVIP TRIFOLD BROCHURE – EUA EDITION – DATED 5 APR 05, OR LATER (REF E). EACH INDIVIDUAL WILL BE PROVIDED A COPY OF THIS BROCHURE BEFORE EACH ANTHRAX VACCINATION AND WILL SIGN THE EUA TRIFOLD ROSTER, ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT.

6C. VACCINATIONS UNDER THE EUA ARE APPROVED FOR A 6 MONTH PERIOD FROM ORIGINAL EUA REQUEST DATE (27 JAN 05) AND WILL EXPIRE NLT 27 JUL 05. ALL VACCINATIONS MUST CEASE BY 2400 LOCAL TIME ON THAT DATE UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED BY HQ USAF/XO.

7. THE ANTHRAX VACCINATION PROGRAM REMAINS A COMMANDER'S FORCE PROTECTION RESPONSIBILITY. ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS UNDER EUA CONDITIONS ARE VOLUNTARY. ANY DEVIATION FROM A TOTALLY VOLUNTARY PROGRAM VIOLATES A FEDERAL COURT ORDER, AND MAY RESULT IN LEGAL ACTION AGAINST INDIVIDUALS IN THE CHAIN OF COMMAND. COMMANDERS WILL MAINTAIN POSITIVE CONTROL OVER THE OPERATION OF THE AVIP UNDER EUA CONDITIONS.

8. AS PART OF THE RESUMPTION OF THE AVIP UNDER EUA CONDITIONS, COMMANDERS WILL:

8A. MAINTAIN OVERSIGHT AND OWNERSHIP OF THE INSTALLATION AVIP PROGRAM.

8B. ESTABLISH A BASE AVIP EUA IMPLEMENTATION TEAM.

8C. DEVELOP A BASE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN CONSISTENT WITH DOD AND AF GUIDANCE (THE AF EUA AVIP IMPLEMENTATION PLAN MAY BE USED AS A TEMPLATE FOR THIS).

8D. DIRECT THE MEDICAL COMMANDER TO DESIGNATE AN OFFICER-IN-CHARGE (OIC) WHO WILL COORDINATE THE ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS OF THE EUA.

9. AS PART OF THE START-UP FOR THE AVIP UNDER EUA CONDITIONS, COMMANDERS WILL BRIEF ALL PERSONNEL (REGARDLESS OF ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE THE ANTHRAX VACCINE) ON THE PROGRAM CHANGES IN ORDER TO RAISE THE GENERAL LEVEL OF AWARENESS. COMMANDERS MAY UTILIZE EITHER THE MILVAX STANDARD BRIEFING SLIDES ([WWW.ANTHRAX.MIL/EUA](http://WWW.ANTHRAX.MIL/EUA)) OR THE ABBREVIATED HQ USAF SLIDES (AVAILABLE AT THE LINK IN PARA 10 OF THIS MESSAGE). THIS MAY BE A STAND-ALONE BRIEFING, OR BE INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA FOR A SCHEDULED COMMANDER'S CALL. THE INSTALLATION AVIP TEAM IS ANOTHER EXCELLENT RESOURCE TO PREPARE COMMANDERS FOR

THIS BRIEFING. NOTE: EXECUTION OF THIS COMMANDER'S BRIEFING IS NOT A PRE-REQUISITE FOR BEGINNING VACCINATIONS.

9A. USCENTCOM AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY: A COMMAND BRIEFING IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED, BUT IT IS NOT REQUIRED GIVEN POTENTIAL OPTEMPO ISSUES.

9B. ACTIVE DUTY OUTSIDE OF USCENTCOM: THE BRIEFING IS A REQUIREMENT AND MUST TAKE PLACE NLT THREE WEEKS FROM THE DATE OF THIS MESSAGE.

9C. AIR RESERVE COMPONENT (ARC): FIRST PRIORITY FOR ARC COMMANDERS SHOULD BE ACCOMPLISHING THE MANDATORY EUA IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES. THE COMMANDERS BRIEFING REMAINS A REQUIREMENT AND MUST TAKE PLACE PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF THE EUA (27 JUL 05).

10. 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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