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SUBJ: SMALLPOX VACCINATION PROGRAM (SVP) UPDATE

A. COMDT COGARD WASHINGTON DC 141521Z JAN 03/ALCOAST 023/03,  
SMALLPOX VACCINATION PROGRAM (SVP)

B. COMDT COGARD WASHINGTON DC 231951Z JAN 03/ALCOAST 036/03,  
SMALLPOX VACCINATION PROGRAM (SVP) MEDICAL GUIDANCE

1. THE COAST GUARDS SMALLPOX VACCINATION PROGRAM (SVP) IS OUTLINED IN REFERENCES A AND B. THIS ALCOAST SERVES THREE PROCESSES: (1) TO AFFIRM THAT STAGE 2 IN THE SVP (PARAGRAPH 2) HAS COMMENCED, (2) TO CLARIFY THE UNITS TO BE IMMUNIZED IN STAGE 2, AND (3) TO MODIFY SOME INSTRUCTIONS (PARAGRAPH 3) GIVEN IN REFERENCE A. COMMANDING OFFICERS OF UNITS IN STAGE 2 SHALL MAKE THE IMMUNIZATION OF THEIR PEOPLE A HIGH PRIORITY IF THEY HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO. UNLESS CURRENTLY DEPLOYED, COMMANDING OFFICERS SHOULD, NO LATER THAN 7 MARCH 03, COORDINATE WITH SUPPORTING MEDICAL PERSONNEL (CLINIC OR SICK BAY) TO SCHEDULE THE SMALLPOX VACCINATION FOR THEIR UNITS. UNDERWAY UNITS SHOULD SCHEDULE VACCINATIONS TO OCCUR WITHIN TWO WEEKS AFTER RETURNING TO HOMEPORT.

2. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE SVP, STAGE 2 UNITS ARE DEFINED AS: ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO CUTTERS (ANY CLASS EXCEPT WIX 327), GROUPS, SMALL BOAT STATIONS, AIR STATIONS, ATC MOBILE, ATTC ELIZABETH CITY, TACTICAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TEAMS/LAW ENFORCEMENT DETACHMENTS, HARBOR DEFENSE COMMAND UNITS, MARINE SAFETY OFFICES/DETACHMENTS/UNITS, ACTIVITIES, CONTAINER INSPECTION, TRAINING AND ASSISTANCE TEAM, VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICES, LORAN STATIONS, AIDS TO NAVIGATION TEAMS, ACTIVITY/MIO EUROPE, FAR EAST ACTIVITIES/MIO ASIA, NAVAL ENGINEERING SUPPORT UNITS, MOBILE LOGISTICS UNIT AND ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS SUPPORT UNITS/ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS SUPPORT DETACHMENTS.

3. REFERENCE A (PARA 7.C) RECOMMENDED IMMUNIZING UNITS IN A SPLIT PHASE. ADDITIONAL MEDICAL INFORMATION INDICATES THAT THERE IS A VERY LOW LIKELIHOOD (LESS THAN 4 PERCENT) THAT AN INDIVIDUAL WILL HAVE SIDE EFFECTS THAT WOULD NECESSITATE LOSS OF DUTY TIME AND EFFECT ON MISSION. GIVEN THE LOGISTICS INVOLVED IN IMMUNIZING A UNIT, IT IS NOW RECOMMENDED THAT UNITS IMMUNIZE ALL PERSONNEL ELIGIBLE AT ONE TIME, IF FEASIBLE. NOTE THAT AVIATION PERSONNEL ARE GROUNDED FOR 12 HOURS AFTER RECEIVING ANY VACCINE, INCLUDING THE SMALLPOX VACCINE, SO AVIATION UNITS SHOULD FACTOR THIS INTO IMMUNIZATION PLANS.

4. HQ POCS FOR THIS MESSAGE ARE CAPT MARK TEDESCO AT 202-267-0528 AND CDR SHARON LUDWIG AT 202-267-1725. MLCP(K) POC IS CAPT CALDWELL AT 510-437-3442 AND MLCA(K) POC IS CDR CANTON AT 757-628-4333. CG SVP INFORMATION IS ALSO AVAILABLE AT [HTTP://WWW.USCG.MIL/HQ/G-W/G-WK/SMALLPOX/INDEX.HTM](http://www.USCG.MIL/HQ/G-W/G-WK/SMALLPOX/INDEX.HTM).

5. MBRS WHO ARE UNABLE TO ACCESS THE INTERNET SHOULD CONTACT THE POCS IN PARA 4 FOR GUIDANCE.

6. INTERNET RELEASE AUTHORIZED.

7. REAR ADMIRAL KENNETH VENUTO, DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES,  
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