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SUBJECT: Expansion of Force Health Protection Anthrax and Smallpox Immunization Programs for DoD Personnel

To date, the Department's immunization programs against anthrax and smallpox have been a success. Building on that success and the continued threat of biological attack, it is prudent to expand our immunization programs now. The Military Services are directed to amend their anthrax and smallpox vaccination programs to accomplish the following:

- 1. Vaccinate uniformed DoD personnel assigned in or designated as early deployers (C-Day to C+20) to the Korean Peninsula for 15 or more consecutive days, to include the US Pacific Command Forward Deployed Naval Forces, against smallpox and anthrax.
- 2. Implement USD (Personnel&Readiness) direction, to be issued following required consultation procedures, on vaccination of emergency-essential and equivalent civilian employees assigned to Korea against smallpox and anthrax.
- 3. Vaccinate DoD contractor personnel carrying out mission essential services and assigned to Korea against smallpox and anthrax. Vaccination for these personnel shall be a requirement of the applicable contract.



- 4. Offer anthrax and smallpox vaccinations to appropriate family members of DoD military personnel, other DoD civilian employees and their family members, and non-essential contractor personnel located in Korea. Vaccination of these personnel is voluntary.
- 5. Expand anthrax and smallpox vaccinations to include all uniformed DoD personnel serving in the Central Command Area of Responsibility; implement USD (P&R) direction on vaccination of emergency-essential and equivalent civilian employees; and establish and implement contract requirements for vaccination of DoD contractor personnel carrying out mission essential services.

Executive Agency responsibilities, compliance with Food and Drug Administration requirements, and clinical and administrative policies (including exception policies) for anthrax and smallpox vaccination programs remain in effect. The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) shall issue supplemental guidelines as required.

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