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SUBJECT: COAST GUARD SMALLPOX VACCINE PROGRAM UPDATE - TRANSITION FROM
DRYVAX TO ACAM2000

1. THIS MESSAGE SERVES AS A REMINDER OF THE COAST GUARD (CG) TRANSITION FROM DRYVAX TO ACAM2000.
2. THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD) IS TRANSITIONING FROM WYETHS DRYVAX BRAND OF SMALLPOX VACCINE TO ACAMBIS ACAM2000 BRAND OF SMALLPOX VACCINE. THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA) APPROVED LICENSURE OF ACAM2000 ON 31 AUGUST 2007. SUBSEQUENTLY, WYETH (THE MANUFACTURER OF DRYVAX) ANNOUNCED ITS PLAN TO WITHDRAW LICENSURE OF DRYVAX VACCINE.
3. CG SMALLPOX VACCINATION POLICY (SVP) IS UNCHANGED. THIS TRANSITION TO A NEW VACCINE DOES NOT CHANGE THE POPULATION BEING VACCINATED NOR THE PREVIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF THE SVP.
4. A COMPREHENSIVE CG SVP INSTRUCTION WILL SOON BE RELEASED WITH DETAILED CLINICAL GUIDANCE AND STORAGE AND HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS FOR ACAM2000.
5. NSN: 6505-01-559-0815, SMALLPOX (VACCINIA) VACCINE, LIVE WITH DILUENT, SYRINGES, AND NEEDLES.
6. TIMELINES -
 - A. ALL DRYVAX VACCINE AT HIGH VOLUME SITES WILL BE REPLACED WITH ACAM2000 IMMEDIATELY.
 - B. 29 FEBRUARY 2008 IS THE DATE THAT CG CLINICS SHOULD QUARANTINE ALL DRYVAX SMALLPOX VACCINE AND CONTINUE THEIR SMALLPOX VACCINATION PROGRAMS WITH ACAM2000 VACCINE. DO NOT USE DRYVAX AFTER THIS DATE. BEGIN THE DESTRUCTION PROCESS AS SOON AS THE DESTRUCTION INSTRUCTIONS ARE MADE AVAILABLE. DESTRUCTION INSTRUCTIONS ARE FORTHCOMING AND WILL BE POSTED ON THE MILITARY VACCINE AGENCY WEBSITE WWW.VACCINES.MIL. DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH, DESTRUCTION PAPERWORK MUST BE FORWARDED TO USAMMA DOC.
 - C. 31 MARCH 2008 IS THE SUSPENSE DATE FOR ALL CG DRYVAX SMALLPOX VACCINE TO BE DESTROYED.
7. DOD USES THE SAME FDA APPROVED VACCINE THAT IS MAINTAINED IN THE STRATEGIC NATIONAL STOCKPILE, THEREFORE ALL DOD STOCK WILL HAVE THE "STRATEGIC NATIONAL STOCKPILE USE ONLY" PRINTED ON ITS LABEL. THIS VACCINE IS APPROVED FOR USE IN THE DOD.

8. THE US ARMY MEDICAL MATERIEL AGENCYS (USAMMA) DISTRIBUTION OPERATIONS CENTER WILL CONTINUE TO COORDINATE THE ALLOCATION AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SMALLPOX VACCINE WITH THE MILITARY VACCINE (MILVAX) AGENCY.

9. THE SMALLPOX VACCINE IS CENTRALLY FUNDED BY THE PROGRAM EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR CHEMICAL BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE (PEOCBD). THE VACCINE IS NOT A DEFENSE SUPPLY CENTER PHILADELPHIA, STOCKED ITEM, THEREFORE, REQUISITIONS FOR THE VACCINE WILL BE SUBMITTED OFF-LINE TO USAMMA AT [HTTP://WWW.USAMMA.ARMY.MIL](http://www.usamma.army.mil) .

10. ORDERING PROCESSED CONTINUE TO REMAIN THE SAME. WHEN A REQUISITION FOR SMALLPOX VACCINE HAS BEEN VALIDATED BY THE ARMED SERVICES, USAMMA WILL FORWARD THE REQUISITION TO THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) STRATEGIC NATIONAL STOCKPILE (SNS). SNS WILL PACK AND SHIP SMALLPOX VACCINE, AS DIRECTED BY USAMMA, TO THE REQUESTING ACTIVITY.

11. ORDERS FOR SMALLPOX VACCINE SHOULD BE SUBMITTED THROUGH THE USAMMA DISTRIBUTION OPERATIONS CENTER (DOC) SECURE ONLINE ORDER WEBSITE.

A. ACTIVITIES WHO HAVE PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED TO ORDER ANTHRAX OR SMALLPOX VACCINE DO NOT NEED TO RE-REGISTER. USE THE SAME USER NAME AND PASSWORD PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED.

B. ACTIVITIES WHO HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED GO TO [HTTP://WWW.USAMMA.ARMY.MIL/VACCINES/SMALLPOX/INDEX.CFM](http://www.usamma.army.mil/vaccines/smallpox/index.cfm). SELECT SMALLPOX VACCINE REQUEST FORM TO REGISTER. BE CERTAIN TO RECORD THE SECURE WEB SITE ADDRESS AND YOUR NAME AND PASSWORD FOR FUTURE ORDERING NEEDS. THE USAMMA DOC SMALLPOX VACCINE WEBSITE MAY BE ACCESSED DIRECTLY OR THOUGH THE USAMMA HOMEPAGE. GO TO [HTTP://WWW.USAMMA.ARMY.MIL](http://www.usamma.army.mil) SELECT VACCINES, AND THEN SELECT SMALLPOX VACCINATION PROGRAM, USAMMA DISTRIBUTION OPERATIONS CENTER.

12. FOR QUESTIONS CONCERNING SMALLPOX VACCINE LOGISTICS, CONTACT CAPT MARY FONG AT (202) 475-5181; FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING THE SVP, CONTACT CDR ARNOLD AT (202) 475-5171.

13. INTERNET RELEASE AUTHORIZED.

14. CAPT MICHAEL J. BOQUARD, CHIEF, OFFICE OF HEALTH SERVICES, SENDS.

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