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SUBJ/RESUMPTION OF ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS FOR DOD

PERSONNEL//

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NARR//REF A IS DEPSECDEF MEMO, REINTRODUCTION OF THE ANTHRAX VACCINE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM (AVIP). REF B IS USD(PR) MEMO, ADMINISTRATIVE AND CLINICAL EXECUTION GUIDANCE FOR REINTRODUCTION OF AVIP. REF C IS ASD(HA) MEMO, POLICY ON CLINICAL ISSUES RELATED TO ANTHRAX VACCINATION. REF D IS MARADMIN 502/02, REINTRODUCTION OF AVIP. REF E IS CLASSIFIED CMC MSG, PRIORITY GROUP 3 AVIP AUTH. REF F IS MARADMIN 006/03, CLARIFICATION ON AVIP. REF G IS CMC CLASSIFIED MSG ON AVA-SVP REPORTING GUIDANCE AND WAIVER POLICY. REF H IS USD-PR CLASSIFIED MEMO REVISING PRI-3 ANTHRAX & STAGE 2 SMALLPOX VACCINATIONS FOR FOLLOW-ON FORCES. REF I IS USD(PR) MEMO STOPPING AVIP. REF J IS MARADMIN

603/03, IMMEDIATE STOPPAGE OF ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS.
REF K IS USD(PR) MEMO, AVIP RESUMPTION. REF L IS
ASN(MRA) MEMO, SECNAV AUTH FOR AVIP RESUMPTION.
REF M IS MARADMIN 002/04, SMALLPOX VACCINATIONS AND
REPORTING FOR OIF II.//

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RMKS/1. THIS MSG IS APPLICABLE TO SELECT ACTIVE
COMPONENT AND RESERVE COMPONENT MARINES, AS WELL
AS EMERGENCY-ESSENTIAL AND MISSION-ESSENTIAL
CIVILIAN AND CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL. REFS A-H
REINTRODUCED AND EXPANDED THE ANTHRAX
VACCINATION PROGRAM. REFS I AND J DIRECTED
A TEMPORARY STOPPAGE OF AVIP. REFS K AND L
ANNOUNCED AVIP RESUMPTION. THIS MARADMIN
DIRECTS IMMEDIATE RESUMPTION OF ANTHRAX
VACCINATIONS AND DIRECTS COMPONENT
COMMANDER ANTHRAX REPORTING PER THE TIMELINE
IN PARAGRAPH 7.

2. ON 22 DEC 03, THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR
THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ISSUED A PRELIMINARY

INJUNCTION AGAINST FURTHER ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS.

ON 30 DEC 03, THE FDA RULED THAT ANTHRAX VACCINE ADSORBED (AVA, BIOTHRAX) IS SAFE AND EFFECTIVE AGAINST ALL FORMS OF ANTHRAX, INCLUDING INHALATION ANTHRAX.

ON 7 JAN 04, THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT STAYED THE INJUNCTION.

OSD AND SECNAV HAVE THUS DIRECTED IMMEDIATE RESUMPTION OF ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS.

3. PER REF L, ALL USMC FORCES AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL PREVIOUSLY AUTH TO RECEIVE ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS MAY IMMEDIATELY RESUME THE SIX-SHOT SERIES AND ANNUAL BOOSTER. ALL USMC FORCES AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL DEPLOYING TO THE IRAQI THEATER OF OPERATIONS (ITO) OR ANY OF THE 15 COUNTRIES LISTED AS HIGHER THREAT AREAS (HTAS), FOR 15 OR MORE CONSECUTIVE DAYS, ARE REQUIRED TO RECEIVE ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS PRIOR TO THEIR DEPLOYMENT DATE. THREE OF THE SIX ANTHRAX SHOTS, GIVEN DURING A 28-DAY SCHEDULE, CONSTITUTE THE MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE PROTECTION LEVEL REQUIRED PRIOR TO DEPLOYMENT. THE ITO INCLUDES THE COUNTRIES OF IRAQ, SAUDI ARABIA, QATAR, BAHRAIN, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, JORDAN, AND KUWAIT. ALL HTAS MAY BE VIEWED AT THE SIPR WEBSITE WWW.HQMC.USMC.SMIL.MIL/PLN/VACCINATIONS/ANTHRAX/AVIP%20OVERVIEW.DOC

4. ALL POLICY MEMOS, OSD GUIDANCE, AND CMC GUIDANCE MAY BE VIEWED AT WWW.VACCINES.ARMY.MIL OR THE HQMC SIPR WEBSITE WWW.HQMC.USMC.SMIL.MIL/PLN/PLN_HOME/HTM.

5. CMC INTENT: CONTINUE TO IMPLEMENT AUTHORIZED ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS IOT PROTECT MARINE CORPS PERSONNEL AND PRESERVE COMBAT EFFECTIVENESS IN THE EVENT OF A BIOLOGICAL ATTACK. WHILE THE THREAT OF A BIOLOGICAL ATTACK CANNOT BE QUANTIFIED, THE VACCINATION OF OUR FORCES REMAINS THE MOST EFFECTIVE COUNTERMEASURE. COMPREHENSIVE UNIT EDUCATION IS THE CORNERSTONE OF A SAFE AND SUCCESSFUL VACCINATION PROGRAM. TO THE MAXIMUM

EXTENT POSSIBLE, ENSURE DEPLOYING PERSONNEL ARE VACCINATED PRIOR TO DEPARTING CONUS. IAW WITH REF G, CMC HAS DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO THE DEPLOYING USMC COMPONENT COMMANDER TO GRANT WAIVER REQUESTS IF CMC INTENT CANNOT BE MET.

6. EXECUTION:

A. ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS ARE MANDATORY FOR PERSONNEL DEPLOYING TO HTAS, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER APPLICABLE MEDICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXEMPTION POLICIES. INDIVIDUAL AUGMENTEES AND MARINES AT ENTRY LEVEL SCHOOLS, SUCH AS THE SCHOOL OF INFANTRY (INFANTRY TRAINING BATTALION OR MARINE COMBAT TRAINING BATTALION), WITH FOLLOW-ON ORDERS TO A HTA-DEPLOYED OR DEPLOYING UNIT ARE AUTH TO RECEIVE ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS.

PER REF H, UNITS/PERSONNEL DEPLOYING TO AN HTA WILL NOT RECEIVE THEIR INITIAL ANTHRAX SHOT UNTIL WITHIN 45-DAYS OF THEIR PROJECTED DEPLOYMENT DATE. THE DEPLOYING FORCE COMMANDER WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT ALL FORCES RECEIVE THREE ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL IN THEATER. PERSONNEL WHO HAD ALREADY BEGUN THE ANTHRAX SERIES MAY IMMEDIATELY RESUME RECEIVING THEIR NEXT SCHEDULED SHOT. ONCE AN INDIVIDUAL STARTS THE ANTHRAX SERIES THEY WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE ALL SIX SHOTS REGARDLESS OF THEIR DEPLOYMENT STATUS.

B. COMMANDERS SHALL COORDINATE WITH MEDICAL TREATMENT FACILITIES (MTF) FOR TRAINING, SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRES, VACCINE RECEIPT AND DISTRIBUTION DATES, AND INDIVIDUAL MEDICAL CONSULTATIONS. COMMANDERS WILL ADDRESS VACCINATION REFUSALS AS THEY WOULD ADDRESS ANY REFUSAL TO OBEY A LAWFUL ORDER, ENSURING THAT PERSONNEL HAVE RECEIVED APPROPRIATE EDUCATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE/MEDICAL SCREENINGS.

C. MEDICAL PERSONNEL MUST CLEARLY UNDERSTAND THAT THEY WILL BE OUR FRONT LINE FORCE IN RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS. THEY WILL FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH ALL ANTHRAX WEBSITE RESOURCES, ESPECIALLY WWW.VACCINES.ARMY.MIL.

D. FEMALES THAT MAY BE PREGNANT SHOULD UNDERGO PREGNANCY SCREENING PRIOR TO ANTHRAX VACCINATION. DOD POLICY IS TO DEFER ANTHRAX VACCINATION UNTIL AFTER PREGNANCY, PER REF C.

E. IMMUNIZATION TRACKING VIA SHIPBOARD NON-TACTICAL ADP PROGRAM (SNAP) AUTOMATED MEDICAL SYSTEM (SAMS) AND DEERS IS THE IMMUNIZATION TRACKING SYSTEM (ITS) MANDATED FOR ALL USMC COMMANDS. IMMUNIZATION TRACKING IS VITAL FOR ALL ACTIVE AND RESERVE FORCES; COMMANDERS MUST ENFORCE SAMS/DEERS COMPLIANCE. ENSURE APPROPRIATE UNIT MEDICAL PERSONNEL ARE TRAINED IN SAMS IMMUNIZATION TRACKING PROCEDURES AND HAVE A CURRENT PASSWORD TO ACCESS THE DEERS IMMUNIZATION TRACKING WEBSITE. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING VACCINATION, MEDICAL PERSONNEL SHALL RECORD MEMBER DATA, UNIT DATA, VACCINE LOT NUMBER, AND VACCINATION SITE IN SAMS, IN MEMBER'S HEALTH RECORD AND ON YELLOW SHOT CARD (PHS 731). INFORMATION FOR IMMUNIZATION TRACKING CAN BE OBTAINED VIA THE WEBSITE AT <HTTPS://IMCENTER.MED.NAVY.MIL/ITS>.

F. ALL ADVERSE EVENTS SHALL BE REPORTED TO THE VACCINE ADVERSE EVENTS REPORTING SYSTEM (VAERS). ADVERSE EVENTS WILL BE MANAGED EXPEDITIOUSLY BY PRIVILEGED HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS APPLYING RECOMMENDATIONS, AS INDICATED, CONTAINED IN DOD GUIDELINES FOR MANAGEMENT OF ADVERSE EVENTS AFTER VACCINATION, AVAILABLE AT WWW.VACCINES.ARMY.MIL AND AT THE VACCINE HEALTHCARE CENTER WEBSITE, WWW.VHCINFO.ORG.

G. ANTHRAX VACCINE WILL BE ADMINISTERED ACCORDING TO FDA LABEL REQUIREMENTS, WITH FDA-LICENSED VACCINE.

H. VACCINATION OF RESERVE COMPONENT (RC) PERSONNEL WILL OCCUR TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE UPON ACTIVATION.

7. COMPONENT COMMANDER VACCINATION REPORTING:

A. THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (HEALTH AFFAIRS) HAS AN ONGOING REQUIREMENT FOR THE REPORTING OF ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS WITHIN THE SERVICES. THE FOL IS A REVISED SCHEDULE FOR COMPONENT COMMANDER REPORTING AND SHOULD BE INCLUDED WITH SMALLPOX REPORTING REQUIREMENTS LISTED IN REF M:

B. BEGINNING ON 21 JANUARY 2004, COMPONENT COMMANDERS (INCLUDING MFR) WILL REPORT THEIR CURRENT ANTHRAX AND

SMALLPOX NUMBERS VIA NAVAL MESSAGE TO HQMC.

C. REPORTS ARE DUE TO THIS HEADQUARTERS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH, NLT 1800Z. NAVAL MESSAGES SHALL BE ADDRESSED TO CMC WASHINGTON DC//PO// WITH INFO COPY TO CMC WASHINGTON DC//PL/HS//.

D. ALL COMPONENT COMMANDER REPORTS SHALL INCLUDE THE FOL ANTHRAX INFO:

(1) CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THAT COMPONENT COMMAND WHO HAVE RECEIVED ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS SINCE REINTRODUCTION OF THE ANTHRAX PROGRAM IN SEPTEMBER 2002. THIS NUMBER SHOULD INCLUDE PERSONNEL IN, OR SCHEDULED TO DEPLOY TO, AN HTA WHO ARE AUTH TO RECEIVE ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS.

(2) THE NUMBER OF PERSONNEL IN PAR 7.D.(1) WHO HAVE RECEIVED THREE OR MORE ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS SINCE REINTRODUCTION OF THE ANTHRAX PROGRAM IN SEPTEMBER 2002.

(3) THE NUMBER OF PERSONNEL IN PAR 7.D.(1) WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE ANTHRAX SIX-SHOT SERIES AND NOW RECEIVE ANNUAL BOOSTERS.

(4) THE NUMBER OF PERSONNEL IN PAR 7.D.(1) WHO ARE MEDICALLY OR ADMINISTRATIVELY EXEMPT FROM RECEIVING ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS.

(5) THE NUMBER OF PERSONNEL IN PAR 7.D.(1) WHO HAVE REFUSED ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS SINCE REINTRODUCTION OF THE ANTHRAX PROGRAM IN SEPTEMBER 2002. THIS NUMBER SHOULD NOT REFLECT PERSONNEL WHO INITIALLY REFUSED THE VACCINE, BUT LATER ACCEPTED VACCINATION AFTER FURTHER EDUCATION AND COUNSELING.

E. COMUSMARCENT ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR REPORTING OF UNITS/PERSONNEL UPON ACCEPTANCE OF OPCON FOR EMPLOYMENT. COMMARFORLANT AND COMMARFORPAC RESUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR REPORTING UNITS/PERSONNEL UPON THEIR RETURN TO HOME STATION. COMMARFORRES IS ONLY RESPONSIBLE FOR REPORTING RESERVE PERSONNEL IN A PRE-ACTIVATION STATUS, AND WILL SUPPORT COMMARFORLANT AND COMMARFORPAC BY COMMUNICATING RESERVE UNITS' INOCULATION STATUS TO THEM. COMMARFORLANT AND COMMARFORPAC ASSUME REPORTING RESPONSIBILITY FOR

MOBILIZED RESERVE UNITS UPON THE DAY THE UNIT IS ACTIVATED.

F. THIS REPORTING REQUIREMENT DOES NOT ALLEVIATE USMC COMPONENT COMMANDERS FROM OTHER MANDATORY COCOM REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

8. THIS MARADMIN IS APPLICABLE TO THE TOTAL FORCE MARINE CORPS.

9. EXPIRATION DATE: INDEFINITE.