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REF L. (U) SECDEF MESSAGE, PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE (PAG) -- ANTHRAX AND SMALLPOX, DTG 011610Z JUL 04 (U)

REF M. (U) USD PERSONNEL AND READINESS MEMO, POLICY REVISION TO INCREASE PRE-DEPLOYMENT ADMINISTRATION OF ANTHRAX AND SMALLPOX VACCINATIONS TO 60 DAYS, 20 AUG 04 (U)

1. THE ANTHRAX VACCINE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM (AVIP) AND THE SMALLPOX VACCINATION PROGRAM (SVP) ARE OUR COMMANDERS' FORCE PROTECTION PROGRAMS AGAINST DEADLY BIOLOGICAL WARFARE AGENTS. THE AVIP AND SVP, AS OUTLINED IN REFERENCES A-J, REMAIN IN FULL EFFECT. THESE PROGRAMS ARE AMENDED TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS IAW DEPSECDEF GUIDANCE ISSUED 28 JUN 04 (REF K):

1.A. IN THE US CENTRAL COMMAND (CENTCOM) AND US EUROPEAN COMMAND (EUCOM) AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY (AOR):

1.A.(1) SMALLPOX VACCINATIONS: SMALLPOX VACCINATIONS WILL NOW BE GIVEN TO PERSONNEL ASSIGNED OR DEPLOYED FOR 15 OR MORE CONSECUTIVE DAYS TO CENTCOM AND EUCOM HIGHER-THREAT AREAS (HTAS). CONTINUE MANDATORY VACCINATIONS FOR ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL, EMERGENCY-ESSENTIAL (E-E) CIVILIANS, AND MISSION-ESSENTIAL (ME) CONTRACTORS ASSIGNED TO OR DEPLOYING FOR 15 OR MORE CONSECUTIVE DAYS TO ALL COUNTRIES IN THE CENTCOM AOR, PLUS PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED HTAS IN THE EUCOM AOR (REFS F and J).

1.A.(2) ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS: EXPAND FROM THE PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED FIFTEEN HTAS IN THE CENTCOM AND EUCOM AOR TO INCLUDE ALL OF THE CENTCOM AOR; THE SMALL NUMBER OF EUCOM HTA COUNTRIES HAS NOT CHANGED. IMMEDIATELY BEGIN MANDATORY VACCINATIONS FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO OR DEPLOYING FOR 15 OR MORE CONSECUTIVE DAYS TO THESE NEWLY DESIGNATED COUNTRIES.

1.A.(2A) DO NOT, REPEAT, DO NOT BEGIN MANDATORY ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS FOR DOD E-E CIVILIANS AND ME CONTRACT EMPLOYEES IN THESE NEWLY DESIGNATED CENTCOM COUNTRIES UNTIL FURTHER IMPLEMENTATION GUIDANCE IS ISSUED BY HQ USAF/XO. GUIDANCE ON NON-E-E CIVILIAN WORKERS, THEIR ADULT DEPENDENTS, AND NON-ME CONTRACT EMPLOYEES IN THESE NEWLY DESIGNATED AREAS WILL ALSO BE FORTHCOMING.

1.A.(3) VOLUNTARY VACCINATIONS: CONSISTENT WITH PREVIOUS PROGRAM GUIDANCE FOR PERSONNEL IN FORMERLY DESIGNATED COUNTRIES, CONTINUE TO OFFER VOLUNTARY ANTHRAX AND SMALLPOX VACCINATIONS TO ADULT FAMILY MEMBERS OF MILITARY PERSONNEL, NON-EMERGENCY ESSENTIAL DOD CIVILIANS AND THEIR ADULT FAMILY MEMBERS, AND NON-MISSION ESSENTIAL DOD CONTRACT PERSONNEL. FOR PERSONNEL IN THE NEWLY DESIGNATED COUNTRIES WHERE ANTHRAX VACCINE IS NOW AUTHORIZED, OFFER VOLUNTARY VACCINATIONS TO ADULT FAMILY MEMBERS OF MILITARY PERSONNEL ONLY AT THIS TIME. ALL INDIVIDUALS WHO VOLUNTEER FOR THESE VACCINATIONS MUST SIGN A VOLUNTEER STATEMENT IAW REF I.

1.B. IN THE US PACIFIC COMMAND (PACOM) AOR:

1.B.(1) EXPAND ANTHRAX AND SMALLPOX VACCINATIONS TO INCLUDE PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO OR DESIGNATED AS EARLY DEPLOYERS (C-DAY TO C+20) TO THE KOREAN PENINSULA FOR 15 OR MORE CONSECUTIVE DAYS. THIS INCLUDES ACTIVE AND RESERVE COMPONENT MILITARY PERSONNEL THAT ARE PERMANENT PARTY, ON TEMPORARY DUTY, OR ON ANNUAL TRAINING. BEGIN VACCINATIONS FOR EARLY DEPLOYING PERSONNEL AFTER CONFIRMATION BY APPROPRIATE OPERATIONAL HEADQUARTERS THAT THE INDIVIDUAL OR UNIT IS LISTED ON C-DAY TO C+20 FORCE FLOW PLANS IN SUPPORT OF THE KOREAN PENINSULA CONTINGENCY OPLAN.

1.B.(2) DO NOT, REPEAT, DO NOT BEGIN MANDATORY SMALLPOX AND ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS FOR DOD E-E CIVILIANS AND ME CONTRACT EMPLOYEES IN THIS NEWLY DESIGNATED COUNTRY UNTIL FURTHER IMPLEMENTATION GUIDANCE IS ISSUED BY HQ USAF/XO. GUIDANCE ON NON-E-E CIVILIAN WORKERS, THEIR DEPENDENTS, AND NON-ME CONTRACT EMPLOYEES WILL ALSO BE FORTHCOMING

1.B.(3) (U) VOLUNTARY VACCINATIONS. OFFER VOLUNTARY ANTHRAX AND SMALLPOX VACCINATIONS TO ADULT FAMILY MEMBERS OF MILITARY PERSONNEL LOCATED IN KOREA.

2. COMMANDS ISSUING ORDERS FOR PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION, AND FOR TEMPORARY DUTY OR ANNUAL TRAINING LASTING 15 OR MORE CONSECUTIVE DAYS, WILL INCLUDE IN THE OUTPROCESSING A REQUIREMENT TO COMPLETE THE SMALLPOX VACCINATION AND START OR RESUME ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS. THESE VACCINES SHOULD BEGIN AT THE LOSING INSTALLATION IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT OF ASSIGNMENT NOTIFICATION AND WHEN WITHIN THE 60 DAY PRE-DEPARTURE WINDOW (REF M). THE GOAL IS TO ACHIEVE AT LEAST THE FIRST THREE DOSES OF THE SIX-DOSE SERIES PRIOR TO ARRIVAL IN THEATER.

3. ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS:

3.A. SOME PERSONNEL DIRECTED TO RECEIVE THE ANTHRAX VACCINE (UNDER EXISTING POLICY OR THE NEW POLICY OUTLINED ABOVE) MAY BE RESUMING AFTER AN INTERRUPTION IN THE SIX-SHOT VACCINATION SERIES. THESE PERSONNEL WILL NOT NEED TO REPEAT ANY DOSES ALREADY RECEIVED IN THE SERIES. THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH GUIDANCE FROM THE

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON IMMUNIZATION PRACTICES AND THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION.

3.B. ONCE PERSONNEL HAVE BEGUN OR RESUMED THE SIX-SHOT ANTHRAX VACCINATION SERIES UNDER THE CURRENT AND EXPANDED PROGRAMS, THEY WILL CONTINUE THE SERIES IAW THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION-APPROVED DOSING SCHEDULE OF 0, 2, AND 4 WEEKS; THEN 6, 12, AND 18 MONTHS, FOLLOWED BY ANNUAL BOOSTERS. THE INITIAL SERIES AND BOOSTERS MUST BE CONTINUED ONCE STARTED REGARDLESS OF ANY CHANGE IN GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION. THIS PARAGRAPH APPLIES TO ALL PERSONNEL REQUIRING THE VACCINE WHO HAVE RESUMED OR STARTED ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS SINCE AUGUST 2002.

3.C. PERSONNEL THAT HAD THEIR ANTHRAX VACCINATION SERIES DEFERRED DUE TO PROGRAM SLOWDOWNS IN 2000-2001, AND ARE NOT INCLUDED UNDER THE SEP 02 RESUMPTION POLICY (REF B) OR THE EXPANDED POLICY IDENTIFIED IN PARAGRAPHS 1A AND 1B ABOVE, WILL NOT RESUME THEIR ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS UNTIL FURTHER GUIDANCE IS ISSUED BY HQ USAF/XO.

3.D. BEFORE BEGINNING SMALLPOX VACCINATIONS AT ANY INSTALLATION, COORDINATE WITH STATE, COUNTY, OR HOST NATION PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTS TO EXPLAIN EDUCATIONAL AND INFECTION-CONTROL MEASURES TO BE FOLLOWED TO PREVENT INADVERTENT TRANSFER OF VACCINIA VIRUS FROM SMALLPOX VACCINEES TO CLOSE CONTACTS.

4. THE AVIP AND SVP REMAIN A COMMANDER'S FORCE HEALTH PROTECTION RESPONSIBILITY. COMMANDERS WILL FOLLOW GUIDANCE PROVIDED IN REFERENCES A-D TO PROPERLY IDENTIFY AND EDUCATE MILITARY PERSONNEL TO BE VACCINATED, TRACK IMMUNIZATIONS, AND ENSURE APPROPRIATE MEDICAL EVALUATION IF PERSONNEL EXPERIENCE SYMPTOMS FOLLOWING ANY VACCINATION. COMMANDERS SHOULD REVIEW THE "EDUCATION TOOLKIT" AND THE "QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS" POSTED ON THE WEBSITES, WWW.ANTHRAX.MIL AND WWW.SMALLPOX.MIL.

5. UNITS AND INSTALLATIONS SHOULD DEVELOP ROUTINE PROCEDURES TO DETERMINE WHEN PERSONNEL NEED SUBSEQUENT DOSES OF ANTHRAX VACCINE, UNLESS MEDICALLY OR ADMINISTRATIVELY EXEMPT, AT EACH OF THE FOLLOWING OPPORTUNITIES:

5.A. DURING IN- AND OUT-PROCESSING TO AN INSTALLATION, UNIT, OR TRAINING SCHOOLS.

5.B. WHEN SCREENING FOR INFLUENZA OR OTHER IMMUNIZATIONS.

5.C. BASED ON ELECTRONIC IMMUNIZATION TRACKING-SYSTEM SHOTS-DUE REPORTS.

5.D. DURING PRE- AND POST-DEPLOYMENT MEDICAL SCREENING.

5.E. DURING MEDICAL RECORD AUDITS.

5.F. DURING EACH MEDICAL VISIT.

6. MEDICAL PERSONNEL MUST ENSURE ALL IMMUNIZATIONS ARE IMMEDIATELY ENTERED INTO THE AIR FORCE COMPLETE IMMUNIZATION TRACKING APPLICATION (AFCITA), AND PROTOCOLS ARE IN PLACE TO ENSURE DATA TRANSFER TO THE DEFENSE ENROLLMENT ELIGIBILITY REPORTING SYSTEM (DEERS). IMMEDIATELY AFTER VACCINATION, IMMUNIZATION PERSONNEL WILL INFORM VACCINEES, BOTH VERBALLY AND IN-WRITING, WHEN THE NEXT ANTHRAX VACCINATION IS DUE.

7. PUBLIC AFFAIRS: PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTURE IS ACTIVE. DETAILED GUIDANCE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM PA GUIDANCE HIGHLIGHTED IN REFERENCE L.

8. LEADERS AT ALL LEVELS CAN TRACK UNIT IMMUNIZATION COMPLIANCE RATES BY ACCESSING THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE:
[HTTPS://WWW.AFCHIPS.BROOKS.AF.MIL/MAIN.HTM](https://www.afchips.brooks.af.mil/main.htm) (SELECT IMMUNIZATION STATUS FOR ACTIVE DUTY, AIR NATIONAL GUARD OR AIR FORCE RESERVE). IMMUNIZATION CURRENCY IS ONE OF SIX MEDICAL ITEMS USED IN DETERMINING IF A MEMBER IS MEDICALLY READY TO DEPLOY. MEMBERS WHO ARE OVERDUE IMMUNIZATIONS ARE CONSIDERED "NOT READY", WHICH AFFECTS THE UNIT INDIVIDUAL MEDICAL READINESS (IMR) RATE.

9. THE U.S. ARMY MEDICAL MATERIEL AGENCY (USAMMA) WILL COORDINATE THE DISTRIBUTION OF ANTHRAX AND SMALLPOX VACCINE TO THE SUPPORTING MEDICAL SUPPLY ACTIVITIES OF ALL SERVICES. LOCAL MEDICAL LOGISTICS SUPPORTING ELEMENTS MUST HAVE SUFFICIENT REFRIGERATION CAPACITY TO PRESERVE VACCINE INTEGRITY, INCLUDING TEMPERATURE ALARMS AND BACK UP POWER CAPACITY. USAMMA POC: USAMMA DISTRIBUTION OPERATIONS CENTER DSN: 343-4121/4128/4198; FAX: DSN 343-4468. WEBSITE: [WWW://ARMYMEDICINE.ARMY.MIL/USAMMA](http://www.armymedicine.army.mil/usamma). AIR FORCE END-USERS WILL DIRECTLY REQUISITION VACCINE IAW GUIDELINES IN THE AIR FORCE ANTHRAX AND SMALLPOX IMPLEMENTATION PLANS. AIR FORCE POC: AIR FORCE MEDICAL LOGISTIC OFFICE DSN 343-4170/4162; FAX: 343-6844.

10. A COMPLETE LISTING OF ALL AIR FORCE ANTHRAX AND SMALLPOX GUIDANCE CAN BE FOUND AT:
<https://chembio.xo.hq.af.mil/biological/anthrax/index.shtml>
<https://chembio.xo.hq.af.mil/biological/smallpox/index.shtml>

11. HQ USAF/XO POC IS LT COL DONNA HUDSON, DSN 222-0371 (DONNA.HUDSON@PENTAGON.AF.MIL).