

INFORMATION PAPER

Military Vaccine Agency

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SUBJECT: MILVAX Agency's Immunization Leaders Course and Immunization Basic Course

1. Purpose. To describe the Immunization Leaders Course (ILC) and Immunization Basic Course (IBC).

2. Facts.

a. MILVAX Immunization Leader's Course.

(1) The mission of the Immunization Leaders Course (ILC) is to train personnel to represent DoD and/or the Services by performing a variety of information-related tasks regarding the Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program (AVIP), Smallpox Vaccination Program (SVP), and annual Influenza Immunization Program.

(2) Target audience generally includes physicians, nurses, physician assistants, medics, corpsmen and medical supervisors of enlisted personnel. Public affairs officers, Commanders, and individuals within a unit whom the command recognizes as resources and identifies to be trained are also appropriate candidates.

(3) This 3-day training is highly specialized, information-intensive and performance-oriented. It includes a clinical orientation, communications training, program-policy review, immunization program quality assurance, question and answer sessions, as well as other training sessions that provide a solid foundation for all immunization services.

(4) There is no fee for the course. Participants will be responsible for the costs and coordinating of their individual orders, flights and rental vehicles.

(5) We have teamed with the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) to offer Continuing Education Credits (CME & CNE) for completion of our program.

b. MILVAX Immunization Basic Course.

(1) The mission of the Immunization Basic Course (IBC) is to train personnel on the essential elements of a safe and effective immunization program using DoD regulations, Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)

guidelines and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations for immunization practice.

(2) Target audience includes medical personnel involved in clinic management or the administration of vaccinations, including: physician assistants, nurses, LPNs, medics, healthcare specialists, immunization technicians, and corpsmen.

(3) This one-day (eight hour) course is immunization-specific and information-intensive. It includes a review of related DoD and Service regulations, information resources, clinical techniques, vaccination schedule interpretation, necessary documentation, vaccine safety, patient screening and education, and handling of adverse events.

(4) There is no fee for the course. Participants will be responsible for the costs and coordinating of their individual orders, flights, and rental vehicles.

(5) Continuing Education Credits for RNs, LPNs and EMTs are provided at the conclusion of the course.

3. Training requests.

a. MILVAX forecasts training at various regional locations annually. To determine the best location/region to host this training, MILVAX ascertains regional needs in relation to military populations requiring training, proposed training dates, and available training facilities.

b. MILVAX Regional Analysts (RA) coordinate regional ILC/IBC training requests for all services of DoD. Contact your nearest RA to discuss your training needs. A listing can be found at the MILVAX website:

<http://www.vaccines.mil/Map/map.aspx>

General requirements.

a. Thirty five (35) or more participants must be guaranteed prior to the training request being approved. Typically, training class size doesn't exceed 75 participants. Training requests should be submitted 6-8 months in advance. Additional requirements may be delineated by the Regional Analyst.

b. The registration process is web-based and attendees must register online. Failure to register a full class may result in cancellation of the training.

5. Additional information is available at the MILVAX website <http://www.vaccines.mil/lmzU> or by contacting MILVAX at (703)-681-5101, DSN 761-5101.

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