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SUBJECT: 2016-2017 Department of Defense Influenza Surveillance Program Sentinel Sites

The Defense Health Agency (DHA), Armed Forces Health Surveillance Branch, Global Emerging Infections Surveillance (AFHSB-GEIS) Section, provides central coordination for the Department of Defense (DoD) influenza surveillance program. With AFHSB-GEIS support and coordination, the U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine (USAFSAM) and the AFHSB Air Force Satellite Cell at USAFSAM perform global, laboratory-based, influenza surveillance through a sentinel system. Surveillance is coordinated with the Military Departments, Joint Staff, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention influenza surveillance programs.

The DoD Global, Laboratory-based, Influenza Surveillance Program, at USAFSAM selects military treatment facilities (MTSs) from worldwide locations to participate as Sentinel Sites. Installations are selected annually based on mission, population, deployment/operations tempo and type, and geographic location. Particular focus is on impact to critical operations, highly heterogeneous, mobile populations, potential for new strain production, and past performance. The 2016-2017 Sentinel Site listing (attached) was approved by the USAFSAM team in April 2016, in committee, and has remained unchanged for 2 years.

Sentinel Sites are expected to participate starting October 2, 2016, for one (1) year. USAFSAM requests Sentinel Sites submit six to ten respiratory specimens per week obtained from patients meeting the influenza-like illness (ILI) case definition. The ILI case definition and key points about the program are located at the USAFSAM Web site: <https://gumbo2.wpafb.af.mil/epi-consult/index.cfm>, and Sentinel Sites should monitor the USAFSAM Web site periodically to verify that the specimens and surveillance data sent are reflected in their site-specific surveillance data.

The Military Departments are expected to notify their MTSs located at each Sentinel Site. USAFSAM will cover the shipping costs for sentinel specimens and will contact Sentinel Sites to provide necessary program management information and laboratory supplies, such as nasal wash kits for collecting specimens.

**CONUS Installations**

<b>Installation</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Installation</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Service</b>
JB Andrews	MD	USAF	Tyndall AFB	FL	USAF
Cannon AFB	NM	USAF	USAF Academy	CO	USAF
Davis-Monthan AFB	AZ	USAF	Wright-Patterson AFB*	OH	USAF
Dover AFB	DE	USAF	Ft Benning*	GA	Army
Eglin AFB	FL	USAF	Ft Bliss*	TX	Army
Ellsworth AFB	SD	USAF	Ft Bragg*	NC	Army
Fairchild AFB	WA	USAF	Ft Campbell	KY	Army
FE Warren AFB	WY	USAF	Ft Drum	NY	Army
Hanscom AFB	MA	USAF	Ft Hood*	TX	Army
Hill AFB	UT	USAF	Ft Leavenworth	KS	Army
Hurlburt Field	FL	USAF	Ft Polk	LA	Army
JB Langley-Eustis	VA	USAF	JB Lewis-McChord*	WA	Army
JB McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst	NJ	USAF	SAMMC*	TX	Army
Keesler AFB*	MS	USAF	USMA – West Point	NY	Army
Laughlin AFB	TX	USAF	NH Bremerton	WA	Navy
Luke AFB	AZ	USAF	NH Camp Lejeune	NC	Navy
Malmstrom AFB	MT	USAF	NH Jacksonville	FL	Navy
Maxwell AFB	AL	USAF	NH Twentynine Palms	CA	Navy
McConnell AFB	KS	USAF	NHC New England	RI	Navy
Minot AFB	ND	USAF	NMC Portsmouth	VA	Navy
Mountain Home AFB	ID	USAF	US Naval Academy	MD	Navy
Nellis AFB	NV	USAF	CG Base Portsmouth	VA	USCG
Offutt AFB	NE	USAF	CGS Mobile	AL	USCG
Peterson AFB	CO	USAF	CGS North Bend	OR	USCG
Scott AFB	IL	USAF	USCG Academy	CT	USCG
Seymour Johnson AFB	NC	USAF	CGS Base Miami ISC	FL	USCG
Shaw AFB	SC	USAF	CGS Miami Air Station	FL	USCG
Sheppard AFB	TX	USAF	NCRM-Ft. Belvoir CH	VA	DHA
Tinker AFB	OK	USAF	NCRM-Walter Reed NMMC*	MD	DHA
Travis AFB	CA	USAF			

**OCONUS Installations**

<b>Installation</b>	<b>State/ Country</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Installation</b>	<b>State/ Country</b>	<b>Service</b>
Ali Al Salem AB	Kuwait	USAF	Brian Allgood ACH*	South Korea	Army
Al Dhafra AB	UAE	USAF	Camp Arifjan*	Kuwait	Army
Al Udeid AB	Qatar	USAF	Camp Buehring	Kuwait	Army
Aviano AB	Italy	USAF	Camp Zama	Japan	Army
Bagram AB	Afghanistan	USAF	Landstuhl RMC*	Germany	Army
Eielson AFB	AK	USAF	Stuttgart AHC	Germany	Army
Incirlik AB	Turkey	USAF	Tripler AMC*	HI	Army
JB Elmendorf-Richardson	AK	USAF	Vicenza HC	Italy	Army
JR Marianas-Andersen AFB	Guam	USAF	Vilseck AHC	Germany	Army
Kadena AB	Japan	USAF	BMC Bahrain	Bahrain	Navy
Kandahar AB	Afghanistan	USAF	JB Pearl Harbor-Hickam	HI	Navy
Kunsan AB	South Korea	USAF	Camp Lemonnier	Djibouti	Navy
Misawa AB	Japan	USAF	NSA Naples	Italy	Navy
Osan AB	South Korea	USAF	NAS Sigonella	Italy	Navy
RAF Lakenheath	England	USAF	CFA Okinawa	Japan	Navy
Ramstein AB	Germany	USAF	NAVSTA Rota	Spain	Navy
Spangdahlem AB	Germany	USAF	CGAS Borinquen	Puerto Rico	USCG
Yokota AB	Japan	USAF	USCG Sector San Juan	Puerto Rico	USCG

All Sentinel Sites, with some exceptions discussed below, will submit respiratory specimens directly to USAFSAM. All other installations not selected as a Sentinel Site may submit respiratory specimens to USAFSAM and will be considered participating sites.

U.S. Central Command (USCENTCOM) and USAFSAM will coordinate directly concerning the shipment of specimens from the USCENTCOM area of responsibility (AOR) to USAFSAM. All Sentinel Sites within the country of Kuwait will submit respiratory specimens to Camp Arifjan. The laboratory Officer-in-Charge at Camp Arifjan will coordinate the shipment of specimens directly to USAFSAM. Camp Lemonnier may submit samples through the existing surveillance programs run through the Naval Medical Research Unit 3 (NAMRU-3).

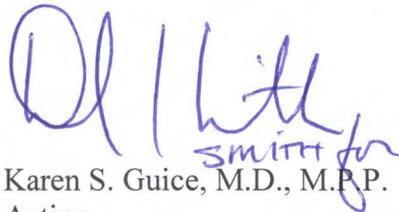
All Sentinel Sites within the U.S. European Command AOR will submit respiratory specimens to the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center (LRMC) laboratory in Landstuhl, Germany, for testing. LRMC will coordinate the shipment of specimens and data exchange with USAFSAM and will conduct laboratory testing as needed. If problems are identified, notify the points of contact at LRMC or USAFSAM.

Sentinel sites within the state of Hawaii will submit respiratory specimens to Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC). TAMC will coordinate the shipment of specimens with USAFSAM and will conduct further laboratory testing as necessary.

Medical Centers indicated with the \* in the Sentinel Site listing will send six to 10 influenza positive specimens per week to USAFSAM, including all specimens from ILI hospitalized patients. USAFSAM will perform molecular sequencing as necessary and will include molecular sequencing data in the DoD phylogenetic analysis.

The Armed Forces Research Institute of Medical Sciences, Naval Health Research Center, NAMRU-2, NAMRU-3, NAMRU-6, and U.S. Army Medical Research Directorate-Kenya will submit influenza positive specimens that have not undergone molecular sequencing and/or molecular sequencing data from influenza positive specimens to USAFSAM on a monthly basis (at a minimum). USAFSAM will perform molecular sequencing as necessary and will include molecular sequencing data in the DoD phylogenetic analysis.

Please e-mail routine questions to the USAFSAM at [usafsam.phrflu@us.af.mil](mailto:usafsam.phrflu@us.af.mil), or for Laboratory support at [usafsam.phecussv@us.af.mil](mailto:usafsam.phecussv@us.af.mil). The point of contact (POC) for the AFHSB-GEIS influenza surveillance program is CAPT Michael Cooper. CAPT Cooper may be reached at [michael.j.cooper119.mil@mail.mil](mailto:michael.j.cooper119.mil@mail.mil). My POC for USAFSAM Influenza Surveillance is Lt Col Susan Federinko. Lt Col Federinko may be reached at [susan.federinko@us.af.mil](mailto:susan.federinko@us.af.mil). My POC for this guidance is Colonel Carol Fisher. Col Fisher may be reached at (703) 681-2274, or [carol.a.fisher18.mil@mail.mil](mailto:carol.a.fisher18.mil@mail.mil).



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