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## MEMORANDUM FOR SENIOR PENTAGON LEADERSHIP DEFENSE AGENCY AND DOD FIELD ACTIVITY DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: Supplemental Guidance for Providing DoD Coronavirus Disease 2019 Vaccines to DoD Contractor Employees and Select Foreign Nationals

References: (a) Deputy Secretary of Defense Memorandum, "Coronavirus Disease 2019 Vaccine Guidance," December 7, 2020

- (b) DoD Instruction 6205.02, "DoD Immunization Program," July 23, 2019
- (c) Department of Defense Coronavirus Disease 2019 Vaccination Plan, December 12, 2020
- (d) DoD Instruction 6055.01, "DoD Safety and Occupational Health (SOH) Program," October 14, 2014
- (e) DoD Instruction 6025.23, "Health Care Eligibility Under the Secretarial Designee (SECDES) Program and Related Special Authorities," September 16, 2011

This memorandum provides supplemental guidance on the provision of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) vaccines, in accordance with reference (a). The Defense Health Agency (DHA) is the lead coordinating DoD Component for executing this guidance, in coordination with the Military Departments and other DoD Components as appropriate.

In accordance with references (a), (b), the DoD population schema at reference (c), and applicable law, COVID-19 vaccines may be offered to, and administered at DoD vaccination sites for:

- 1) Employees of DoD contractors directly supporting the DoD on DoD installations or in an operational environment, in accordance with the terms of applicable contracts;
- 2) Members of allied, coalition, or partner forces stationed on DoD installations on a reimbursable basis, in accordance with applicable agreements;
- 3) Embedded non-U.S. national personnel providing direct support to U.S. military forces on a reimbursable basis, in accordance with applicable agreements.

In any case where vaccination is provided on a reimbursable basis, the charge for the health care provided will not include the cost of the vaccine itself. Any offer of COVID-19 vaccination will be made in a manner that shows respect for applicable host-nation law and be done pursuant to the terms of applicable agreements and arrangements with the host nation and/or other respective nations, as applicable, and in coordination with the Geographic Combatant Commanders, as required by reference (b). Prioritization for such vaccination offers is the responsibility of the respective Geographic Combatant Command and will be consistent with the DoD population schema at reference (c). Geographic Combatant Commanders will

ensure coordination with the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy and the Department of State, as applicable.

Individuals not otherwise eligible to receive healthcare from the DoD will pursue any follow-on care (other than the administration of a second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine) through their existing healthcare plans or personal healthcare providers. The authority to administer the COVID-19 vaccine to employees of DoD contractors, non-U.S. nationals employed by the DoD, or to members of allied, coalition, or partner forces stationed on DoD installations does not otherwise grant additional DoD health care eligibility benefits to those individuals. To the extent possible, individuals are encouraged to return to the same location for their second COVID-19 vaccine dose, as applicable, in accordance with the vaccine's emergency use authorization.

Reporting procedures for all personnel receiving COVID-19 vaccines from the DoD must comply with applicable Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and DoD guidance, including guidance from the Military Department concerned, as well as military medical treatment facility or DoD vaccination site requirements and all applicable laws.

Any additional requests for vaccination of Other Than U.S. Forces personnel, as set forth in reference (b), will be routed to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs (ASD(HA)). The ASD(HA) is the approval authority for COVID-19 immunizations for OTUSF personnel provided by the DoD on a case-by-case basis, in accordance with references (a), (b), (d), and (e).

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