MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY SURGEON GENERAL OF THE ARMY
DEPUTY SURGEON GENERAL OF THE NAVY
DEPUTY SURGEON GENERAL OF THE AIR FORCE
DEPUTY JOINT STAFF SURGEON
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COAST GUARD HEALTH, SAFETY
AND WORK LIFE

SUBJECT: Revised Armed Forces Reportable Medical Events Guidelines and Case Definitions

The Armed Forces Health Surveillance Branch of the Public Health Division, Operations
Directorate (J-3), Defense Health Agency, maintains and periodically updates the Armed Forces
Reportable Medical Events Guidelines and Case Definitions (RME Guidelines) posted at
https://www.health.mil/Military-Health-Topics/Health-Readiness/Armed-Forces-Health-
Surveillance-Branch/Reports-and-Publications.

These guidelines are used by the Services both in garrison and deployed settings. The
guidelines standardize reporting and tracking of diseases and other conditions of public health
and military importance. Timely reporting permits earlier recognition of public health events
and interventions to protect the health of the force. Although the Services may choose to track
additional conditions, additions and deletions to the RME Guidelines should be reported through
the Public Health Collaboration and Coordination Working Group.

The point of contact for any questions or actions related to the RME Guidelines is
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