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MEMORANDUM FOR [REDACTED] Chief, Immunization Healthcare
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SUBJECT: Yellow Fever Immunization and Screening Policy for U.S. Southern
Command Area of Responsibility.

1. This memorandum is to provide you with U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) policy on Yellow Fever (YF) Immunizations and the adoption of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Guidance when deploying to various regions throughout this Area of Responsibility (AOR).

2. Reference(s):

1. DODD 6205.02E, Policy and Program for Immunizations to Protect the Health of Service Members and Military Beneficiaries, September 19, 2006
2. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2018, September 4). Yellow Fever Vaccine Information for Healthcare Providers. www.cdc.gov/yellowfever/healthcareproviders/vaccine-info.html
3. World Health Organization (2013, May 17). Yellow fever vaccination booster not needed. Retrieve from www.who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2013/yellow_fever_20130517/en/
4. Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR /June 19, 2015/Vol. 64/No.23).
5. USSOUTHCOM Force Health Protection (FHP) Guidance, Section on Yellow Fever (YF).

3. Medical Guidance:

a. The Yellow Fever "booster" vaccination, which was previously given ten years after the initial vaccination, is no longer recommended with the exceptions listed in Paragraph 4 of this Memorandum. A single dose of vaccination is sufficient to confer life-long immunity against Yellow Fever (YF) disease IAW the World Health Organization (WHO) Strategic Advisory Group of Experts (SAGE) on immunization, the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), and USSOUTHCOM FHP Guidance.

b. When travelling to the USSOUTHCOM AOR, all DOD personnel must have an official immunization record. This official record must be in any of the DOD-approved formats that qualify as a valid certificate of vaccination for international travel that comply with WHO's International Health Regulation (IHR) requirements. These include; SF 601- Immunization Record; CDC 731- International Certificate of Vaccination or Prophylaxis (ICVP); DD form 2766c- Adult Preventive and Chronic Care Flow Sheet also called Vaccine Administration Record.

c. Certain countries may request YF vaccine for entry and exit requirements; refer to USSOUTHCOM FHP Guidance, CDC Travelers' Health for information on specific country requirements and Foreign Clearing Guidance (FCG). Refer to section 5b below.

d. Commander's discretion is allowed to determine whether travelers' deployment locations meet the definition of a higher-risk setting IAW USSOUTHCOM FHP Guidance section on YF.

4. Service members (SM) who meet the below criteria, should review the ACIP recommendations with their Primary Care Manager (PCM) to determine if a YF booster is recommended. Recommendations can be found here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6423a5.htm>

a. Women who were pregnant (regardless of trimester) when they received their initial dose of YF vaccine.

b. Persons who received a hematopoietic stem cell transplant after receiving a dose of YF vaccine and who are sufficiently immunocompetent to be safely vaccinated.

c. Persons who are infected with human immunodeficiency virus.

d. Laboratory workers who routinely handle wild-type Yellow Fever virus.

e. A booster dose should be considered for travelers who received their last dose of YF vaccine over 10 years ago, and are entering areas with ongoing outbreaks, or who will be in a higher-risk setting.

5. YF requirements for deploying and/or TDY in USSOUTHCOM area of operations reference USSOUTHCOM FHP Guidance.

a. YF vaccination is required prior to deployment to YF endemic countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, French Guyana, Guyana, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Venezuela (review CDC guidance for updated list of endemic countries at www.cdc.gov/yellowfever/maps/south_america.html).

b. YF vaccination is required for the following countries if you are traveling from countries in section 5 (a) above: Central America (Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador,

Guatemala, Honduras), Caribbean islands (Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Curacao, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Haiti, Jamaica, Martinique, Monserrat, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines).

c. If traveling to and from a YF endemic country, carry a copy of your international certificate of vaccination or prophylaxis (ICVP) CDC 731 to prevent revaccination by country health authorities.

d. Servicemembers' travel itinerary must be carefully reviewed and considered (countries visited/airports transited prior to entry). Please contact USSOUTHCOM SG office (Public Health Division) if further guidance is needed.

e. Tracking of immunizations for all SM deploying to USSOUTHCOM AOR will be IAW DoD-approved systems.



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