EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE PRE-DEPLOYMENT TRAINING

Reference(s):
See Enclosure C for References

1. **Purpose.** Provide notice to the Joint Force on the minimal required training and force health protection procedures for Service Members deploying to Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) affected areas.

2. **Superseded/Cancellation.** None.

3. **Applicability.** Joint Staff, Services, Defense Agencies, Combatant Commands

4. **Action or Procedure.**

   a. Ebola requires personal protection training requirements for Service Members based on exposure probability related to the specific missions they will be executing. The required tiered training is outlined in Enclosure A.

   b. Protection of the Force will be IAW USAFRICOM EXORD Force Health Protection guidance. All deploying personnel will receive a medical threat briefing that includes health threats and countermeasures. Specific excerpts pertaining to Malaria, Dengue and Yellow Fever preventive measures along with required immunizations are provided in Enclosure B.

5. **Releasability.** UNRESTRICTED. This directive is approved for public release; distribution is unlimited on NIPRNET. DOD Components (to include the combatant commands), other Federal agencies, and the public, may obtain copies of this directive through the Internet from the CJCS Directives Electronic Library at http://www.dtic.mil/cjcs_directives JS activities may also obtain access via the SIPR directives Electronic Library websites.

6. **Effective Date.** This NOTICE is effective upon receipt.
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ENCLOSURE A

TIER TRAINING

1. The Tier I minimally required training for all deploying Service Members includes:
   a. Basic disease process, transmission and symptoms
   b. Avoidance awareness of treatment and population centers
   c. Avoidance of persons with an EVD contact
   d. EVD symptom recognition
   e. Contact decontamination
   f. Adherence to safe encounter distances
   g. Instruction on proper hand washing
   h. Use of approved food and water sources
   i. Donning and removal of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
   j. Procedures on responding to a breech in PPE
   k. Daily symptom and temperature screening
   l. Training on indications and use of readily available equipment: 2 sets of impermeable gloves, 2 hand sanitizers, face shields/eye protection

2. The Tier II Training for personnel required to interact with the local populace includes:
   a. Tier I Training and equipment plus the following:
      (1) Training on non-lethal methods with those providing Force Protection
      (2) Training on indications and use of readily available protective suits

3. The Tier III Training for personnel assigned to supporting medical units or expected to handle exposed remains includes:
   a. Tier I Training plus Tier II Training and equipment plus the following:
      (1) Training in clinical care, outbreak epidemiology, control measures and safety within an Ebola Treatment Unit (ETU)
      (2) Cleaning and disinfection procedures training
      (3) Psychological support training for patients and staff
      Training in full PPE in provision of care, patient or body transport
      (4) Training in waste disposal
(5) Response to a breech in PPE

(6) Training on indications and use of equipment: impermeable suit, boots, heavy apron, face shield and surgical gloves over surgical scrubs, with no jewelry

(7) Training on proper use of air-purifying respirators used during aerosol generating procedures or suspicion of airborne droplet spread diseases such as tuberculosis

4. Tier IV Training required for Ebola Testing Laboratory Workers must adhere to U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Disease (USAMRIID) Bio-level 3 protocols.
ENCLOSURE B

FORCE HEALTH PROTECTION

1. Malaria and Dengue Fever are high risk to U.S. personnel without implementing and adhering to force health protection (FHP) measures.

2. Yellow Fever disease is relatively low risk for deployed personnel who received the required immunization.

3. At a minimum, FHP measures include wearing permethrin-treated uniforms/clothing, using insect-repellent (DEET) on exposed skin, and taking anti-malarial medications as prescribed.

   a. Malarone will be the primary anti-malarial medication unless contraindicated

4. Immunizations Required to enter the USAFRICOM AOR include:

   a. Hepatitis A (Series Complete or First Dose at least 14 days prior to travel)
   b. Hepatitis B (Series Complete or First Dose at least 14 days prior to travel)
   c. Tetanus-Diphtheria (Every 10 years; one time adult booster of TDAP if not previously received)
   d. Measles, Mumps, Rubella (Single adult booster is required)
   e. Poliovirus (Series complete plus single adult booster is required)
   f. Seasonal Influenza (Current annual vaccine)
   g. Varicella (Documented immunity or vaccination)
   h. Typhoid (Injectable every 2 years; oral vaccine every 5 years)
   i. Meningococcal (Every 5 years)
   j. Yellow Fever (Every 10 years; last dose must be at least 10 days prior to arrival to Africa)
   k. Rabies/Pneumococcal (If high risk and as needed for occupational exposure)
ENCLOSURE C

REFERENCES

a. Operation UNIFIED ASSISTANCE EXORD MOD 1
b. USAFRICOM Health Service Support CONOPS (approved 29 Sep 14)
c. Draft OSD(P) Transportation Policy Memorandum for Ebola Virus Disease-exposed Individuals
d. Appendix 1 to Annex C to HQDA EXORD 241-14 ISO OPERATION UNITED ASSISTANCE
e. U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases Bio-Level 3 Protocols
f. Automated Messaging Handling System (AMHS) GENADMIN (UNCLASSIFIED), Force Health Protection Requirements and Medical Guidance for Entry to the USAFRICOM Theater, Version 1, DTG: 112243Z Sep 14
g. Draft ASD(HA) Policy Memorandum on Screening and Monitoring Guidance for All DoD Personnel Deployed in Support of Operation UNITED ASSISTANCE
h. Draft Appendix 6 to Annex Q to CDRUSAFRICOM OPERATION UNIFIED ASSISTANCE FORCE HEALTH PROTECTION, 29 Sep 2014
i. Draft TAB A TO Appendix 6 to Annex Q CDRUSAFRICOM OPERATION UNIFIED ASSISTANCE PRE-DEPLOYMENT FHP TRAINING REQUIREMENTS