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SUBJ: POST-DEPLOYMENT FORCE HEALTH PROTECTION GUIDANCE FOR HAITI RELIEF OPERATIONS A. COMDT COGARD WASHINGTON DC 291359Z JAN10/ALCOAST 047/10 1. COAST GUARD MEDICAL OFFICERS (MO) AND INDEPENDENT DUTY HEALTH SERVICES TECHNICIANS (IDHS) MUST BE FAMILIAR WITH REFERENCE A WHICH DESCRIBES POST-DEPLOYMENT FORCE HEALTH PROTECTION GUIDANCE FOR PERSONNEL RETURNING FROM HAITIAN OPERATIONS.

2. COAST GUARD CLINICS/IDHS SHOULD ENGAGE WITH THEIR LOCAL COMMANDS TO ASSIST IDENTIFICATION OF PERSONNEL DEPLOYED ASHORE AND COMPLETION OF THE REQUIRED POST-DEPLOYMENT HEALTH ASSESSMENT (PDHA) AND POST-DEPLOYMENT HEALTH REASSESSMENT (PDHRA). THE PDHRA MUST BE COMPLETED WITHIN 90-180 CALENDAR DAYS OF RETURNING TO THEIR HOME PORT.

3. ADDITIONALLY, COAST GUARD MO/IDHS SHOULD COORDINATE WITH THEIR COGNIZANT SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER

(SEHO) TO ENSURE THAT COAST GUARD PERSONNEL WHO BELIEVE THEY WERE EXPOSED TO HAZARDS (E.G., BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS, CHEMICALS, ETC.) COMPLETE THE ACUTE EXPOSURE FORM AND RECEIVE APPROPRIATE MEDICAL SCREENING AND CARE.

4. COAST GUARD MO/IDHS SHOULD BE ALERT FOR COAST GUARD MEMBERS PRESENTING WITH COMMON SYMPTOMS SUCH AS FEVER, FLU-LIKE ILLNESS, MUSCLE ACHES, DIARRHEA, OR COUGH. FOR DEPLOYED MEMBERS, THESE SYMPTOMS COULD BE INDICATIONS OF DISEASES INCLUDING MALARIA, LEPTOSPIROSIS, DENGUE, TYPHOID FEVER, HELMINTHIC INFECTION, OR TUBERCULOSIS. PROMPT DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF THESE MEDICAL CONDITIONS ARE CRITICAL.

5. FOR PREVENTIVE MEDICINE QUESTIONS, CONTACT CDR ERICA SCHWARTZ, COMDT (CG-1121) AT (202)475-5172. FOR OPERATIONAL MEDICINE QUESTIONS CONTACT CAPT MARIO FAJARDO, HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WORK-LIFE SUPPORT ACTIVITY, OPERATIONAL MEDICINE (HSWL OPMED) AT (510)637-1225 OR CDR JEFF SALVON-HARMAN (HSWL OPMED) AT (757)628-4331.

6. CAPT MICHAEL J. BOQUARD, CHIEF OFFICE OF HEALTH SERVICES SENDS.

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