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SUBJECT: DISEASE ALERT REPORTING UPDATE.

A MEDICAL MANUAL, COMDTINST M6000.1 (SERIES)

1. THIS MESSAGE UPDATES THE COAST GUARD MANDATORY DISEASE ALERT REPORTING PROCESS, TO PROTECT PATIENT CONFIDENTIALITY AND PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION.
2. EACH CLINIC AND SICKBAY MUST HAVE AT LEAST ONE DESIGNATED STAFF MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR SUBMITTING DISEASE ALERT REPORTS (DARS), NOW CALLED MEDICAL EVENT REPORTS (MERS).
3. PER REFERENCE A, CHAPTER 7, COAST GUARD CLINIC PERSONNEL, HEALTH SERVICES TECHNICIANS (HS), AND INDEPENDENT DUTY HEALTH SERVICES TECHNICIANS (IDHS) MUST COMPLETE A DISEASE ALERT REPORT (DAR) UNDER THE FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES:
 - A. ANY DISEASE OUTBREAK,
 - B. ANY PERSON DIAGNOSED WITH ANY DISEASE LISTED IN CHAPTER 7,
 - C. ANY EPIZOOTIC (E.G. ANIMAL EPIDEMIC) TRANSMISSIBLE FROM ANIMALS TO MAN,
 - D. ANY QUARANTINED COAST GUARD VESSEL OR AIRCRAFT (AT A FOREIGN PORT),
 - E. ANY MEDICAL CONDITION DEEMED WORTHY OF REPORTING BY HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL, OR
 - F. ANY REPORTABLE CONDITION AS MANDATED BY THE LOCAL OR STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.
4. COAST GUARD HEALTH SERVICES PERSONNEL WILL NO LONGER REPORT DARS USING THE DAR FORM. ADDITIONALLY, THEY WILL NO LONGER EMAIL DARS TO THE HQS-DG-DISEASE ALERT REPORT EMAIL GROUP. THIS EMAIL ADDRESS WILL BE OFFLINE WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THIS MESSAGE.
5. COAST GUARD HEALTH SERVICES PERSONNEL ARE NOW MANDATED TO USE THE NAVAL DISEASE REPORTING SYSTEM INTERNET (NDRSI) SYSTEM FOR ALL MERS.
6. FOR INITIAL ACCESS TO THE NDRSI, GO TO THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE - [HTTPS://WWW-NEHC.MED.NAVY.MIL/NDRSI/](https://www-nehc.med.navy.mil/ndrsi/). THE COGNIZANT IDHS OR HS MUST PRINT OUT THE DD FORM 2875, COMPLETE PART I OF THE FORM AND INITIAL BLOCK 27. PART II OF THE FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE CHIEF, HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION (CHSD) OR THE COGNIZANT, DESIGNATED MEDICAL OFFICER ADVISOR (DMOA). ADDITIONAL DIRECTIONS FOR COMPLETING AND SUBMITTING THE FORM CAN BE FOUND ON THE NDRSI WEBSITE.
7. AFTER COMPLETING, THE CHSD OR DMOA WILL SUBMIT THE DD FORM 2875 IN HARD COPY OR ELECTRONIC FORM TO THE NAVY AND MARINE CORPS PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER (NMCPHC). NMCPHC WILL CONTACT THE INDIVIDUAL LISTED IN PART II OF THE FORM TO VERIFY THE REQUEST AND ACTIVATE THE NDRSI USER ACCOUNT. NMCPHC WILL SEND A LOGIN ID AND PASSWORD TO THE USER ONCE THEY OBTAIN THE CHSD OR DMOA APPROVAL.
8. AFTER OBTAINING A LOGIN ID AND PASSWORD, USERS MUST LOGIN TO THE NDRSI. AFTER LOGGING IN, DIRECTIONS ON HOW TO ENTER MEDICAL EVENTS IN NDRSI CAN BE FOUND BY CLICKING ON THE "HELP" ICON.
9. THE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ) LINK ON THE LOGIN PAGE ALSO HAS HELPFUL INFORMATION.
10. COAST GUARD UNITS ARE LISTED IN NDRSI BY THEIR OPFAC.
11. FOR THE CRITICAL CONDITIONS LISTED IN FIGURE 7-B-1 OF REFERENCE A, COAST GUARD HEALTH SERVICES PERSONNEL MUST CONTACT CG-1121 AT (202) 475-5172 OR (202) 475-5169 OR AT ERICA.G.SCHWARTZ(AT)USCG.MIL OR BRENT.PENNINGTON(AT)USCG.MIL WITHIN 24 HOURS. UPON FINAL CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS, ENTER THE MEDICAL EVENT REPORT INTO NDRSI. CG1121 WILL REVIEW THE INFORMATION IN NDRSI AND WILL CONTACT THE COGNIZANT MLC(K) FOR CRITICAL CONDITIONS. CG-1121 WILL REVIEW ALL MEDICAL EVENT REPORTS IN NDRSI ON A WEEKLY BASIS FOR MEDICAL EVENT TRENDS AND OUTBREAKS.
12. FOR ALL OTHER MERS THERE IS NO NEED TO CONTACT CG-1121, THE ONLY REQUIREMENT IS TO ENTER MERS THAT ARE CONFIRMED AND FINAL (NO PRESUMPTIVE OR PRELIMINARY DIAGNOSIS SHOULD BE ENTERED).

13. THESE CHANGES WILL BE REFLECTED IN THE NEXT UPDATE TO REFERENCE A.
14. FOR NDRSI TROUBLESHOOTING QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE NDRS HELP DESK AT NDRS@NEHC.MED.NAVY.MIL OR BY PHONE AT 757-953-0954. FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS POLICY CHANGE, CONTACT CDR ERICA SCHWARTZ AT ERICA.G.SCHWARTZ(AT)USCG.MIL OR (202) 475-5172.
15. CAPT MICHAEL J. BOQUARD, CHIEF, OFFICE OF HEALTH SERVICES, SENDS.
13. INTERNET RELEASE AUTHORIZED.