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BUMED INSTRUCTION 6220.14A

From: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery

Subj: BLOODBORNE PATHOGEN CONTROL PROGRAM

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5100.23H
(b) BUMEDINST 5450.184A
(c) NMCPHC-TM-OEM 6260.7

1. **Purpose.** Reference (a) requires the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery to review and provide technical and administrative guidance on the medical aspects of bloodborne pathogens (BBP). Reference (b) delegates this requirement to the Navy and Marine Corps Force Health Protection Command via Naval Medical Forces Atlantic. Reference (c) is the technical manual series that establishes guidelines to minimize the risk of acquiring bloodborne pathogens disease due to occupational exposure.
2. **Cancellation.** BUMEDINST 6220.14.
3. **Scope and Applicability.** Applies to all Navy Medicine personnel working in areas that encounter bloodborne pathogens. Navy Medicine personnel assigned to or in support of Defense Health Agency military medical treatment facilities should also adhere to Defense Health Agency guidance when performing bloodborne pathogen control activities.
4. **Background.** All blood or body fluids are considered potentially infectious. Occupational exposure to infectious body fluids has resulted in the infection of health care workers with Human Immunodeficiency Virus, Hepatitis B Virus, and Hepatitis C Virus. Health care workers routinely use standard precautions and safety needles to minimize the risk of infection caused by exposure to blood or body fluids. The references contained in reference (c) provide the current standard of practice and the applicable Federal law concerning occupational exposure to blood or body fluids.
5. **Policy.** All levels of command shall implement and manage the Bloodborne Pathogens Control Program in compliance with the policies, procedures, actions, and guidance set forth by Defense Health Agency and in reference (c) available at <https://www.med.navy.mil/Navy-and-Marine-Corps-Force-Health-Protection-Command/Environmental-Health/Occupational-and-Environmental-Medicine/Occupational-and-Environmental-Medicine-Division/Technical-Manuals-and-Guidance/>.

6. Records Management

- a. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of format or media, must be maintained and dispositioned per the records disposition schedules located on the Department of the Navy Assistant for Administration, Directives and Records Management Division portal page at <https://portal.secnav.navy.mil/orgs/DUSNM/DONAA/DRM/Records-and-Information-Management/Approved%20Record%20Schedules/Forms/AllItems.aspx>.
- b. For questions concerning the management of records related to this instruction or the records disposition schedules, please contact the local records manager or the OPNAV Records Management Program (DNS-16).

7. Review and Effective Date. Per OPNAVINST 5215.17A, Public Health and Safety (BUMED-N44) will review this instruction annually around the anniversary of its issuance date to ensure applicability, currency, and consistency with Federal, Department of War, Secretary of the Navy, and Navy policy and statutory authority using OPNAV 5215/40 Review of Instruction. This instruction will be in effect for 10 years, unless revised or cancelled in the interim, and will be reissued by the 10-year anniversary date if it is still required, unless it meets one of the exceptions in the OPNAVINST 5215.17A, paragraph 9. Otherwise, if the instruction is no longer required, it will be processed for cancellation as soon as the need for cancellation is known following the guidance in OPNAV Manual 5215.1 of May 2016.



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