



# The Review

NBIMC News, Updates, & Announcements

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April 24, 2025: NBIMC team members at Walter Reed working together to service the nearby garden on base.

## NBIMC Team Building Activities

On April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the NBIMC team took time to work on team building by servicing the nearby garden at Walter Reed. NBIMC team members, cleaned up the garden and placed new plants in the beds, initiating new growth. After servicing the garden, NBIMC team members went duckpin bowling together at White Oak Bowling in Silver Spring, MD. The team had a great time completing these activities together and hopes to continue these occasional activities throughout the year. These team building efforts empower NBIMC staff to further build upon supportive, work relationships and increase clear, effective communication inside and outside of the workplace.

## NBIMC Staff Updates



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### **cont.**

Pictured on page 1 in the left-hand photo is Ms. Jocilyn Budda (to the left), NBIMC Clinical Laboratory Scientist, and CDR Marshall Hoffman (on the right), NBIMC Officer in Charge (OIC). In the right-hand photo on page 1 is CDR Marshall Hoffman (on the left), NBIMC OIC, and Mrs. Vanessa Santiago-Miranda (on the right), Lead Health Science Specialist. In both images, Ms. Budda and Mrs. Santiago-Miranda are being presented with letters of appreciation for their hard work at NBIMC. NBIMC shares these photos with a bittersweet element, announcing that Ms. Jocilyn Budda and Mrs. Vanessa Santiago-Miranda will be transitioning out of their current positions at NBIMC.

**Ms. Jocilyn Budda** served NBIMC for 6 months as a clinical laboratory scientist. From the start, Ms. Budda demonstrated a strong work ethic, meeting every task with dependability and quickly mastering the complex and nuanced protocols unique to military medicine. Ms. Budda quickly gained knowhow in quality assurance and process improvement for the Department of the Navy's HIV screening program and updated guidance for readiness personnel, refining provider education, and enhancing standard operating procedures. All these actions directly improved the Navy and Marine Corps' ability to maintain medical readiness. Additionally, Ms. Budda's ability to manage complex tasks and effectively coordinate with laboratory stakeholders across the system helped advance NBIMC's shared mission of safeguarding the health and readiness of our service members. We are very appreciative for all Ms. Budda has done to assist NBIMC, and we all wish her the absolute best moving forward.

**Mrs. Vanessa Santiago-Miranda** served NBIMC for the past 7 years, providing health science expertise and incredible leadership. Mrs. Santiago-Miranda was the backbone of the Department of the Navy's bloodborne pathogen program, overseeing critical screening processes for HIV, Hepatitis B,

and Hepatitis C with unwavering precision and integrity. Her leadership in managing and improving the laboratory contract that supports HIV screening for all Navy and Marine Corps service members ensured the reliability and continuity of a mission-critical function. The expertise Mrs. Santiago-Miranda offered was instrumental in the transition and testing of the HIV Management System under Naval Information Warfare Center, and her insights were sought time and again. In addition, as a supervisor and team leader, Mrs. Santiago-Miranda fostered a high-performing, collaborative environment, always setting the standard for excellence. Equally important was her role in mentoring and guiding multiple Officers in Charge throughout the years, offering steady counsel and clarity on complex issues. While we are sad to see Mrs. Santiago-Miranda go, we are excited for her to pursue personal and professional growth through completing her PhD in healthcare management.

Both valuable NBIMC staff members, Ms. Budda and Mrs. Santiago-Miranda, displayed commitments to continuous improvements which are inspiring and will be forever appreciated at NBIMC. It is without doubt that both amazing individuals will continue to make significant contributions to public health as they continue their personal and professional journeys.

## **POC Site Update Reminders**

The Center for Disease Detection (CDD) requests all POC's to inform CDD if/when they will be leaving a site. Additionally, POC's are required to inform CDD of any new POC's and/or any changes to the site's contact list. By continually communicating with CDD, all sites will remain up to date as staff changes occur, allowing for more up to date POC listings.

Please email [Military@cddmedical.com](mailto:Military@cddmedical.com); [dha.bethesda.Walter-Reed-Med-Ctr.mbx.nbimc@health.mil](mailto:dha.bethesda.Walter-Reed-Med-Ctr.mbx.nbimc@health.mil) with any POC site changes.

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# HIV test status in MRRS not updated?

To request MRRS record update, please email [dha.bethesda.Walter-Reed-Med-Ctr.mbx.nbimc@health.mil](mailto:dha.bethesda.Walter-Reed-Med-Ctr.mbx.nbimc@health.mil) the Last, First Name and DoD ID number of any affected service member. NBIMC staff will review their results to ensure that tests resulted comply with Force Testing Requirements and update the records in MRRS accordingly.

To update a service member's HIV status in MRRS, NBIMC staff need a test result that is compliant with the Force testing requirements. This result needs to be from a **force testing HIV-1/2 AG/AB 4G.**

Please note that we cannot use civilian provider or (VA) result to update the HIV readiness in MRRS. HIV results from private/civilian/VA providers are not compliant with the SECNAVINST 5300.30 and DODI 6485.01 (Please see the link below). In these instructions, testing for HIV must be reported to the Defense Medical Surveillance System (DMSS) and the remaining serum must be sent to the DoD Serum Repository. The member will need to go to an MTF or a NOSC to get the appropriate test completed as indicated above.



DODI 6485.01  
update.pdf



SECNAVINST  
5300.30F - HIV HBV H

## Alternate options to fulfill Force Testing (HIV) requirement when MTF is not available.

Utilizing Leidos QTC Health Services is another option for completing HIV force testing. Please contact the customer service department using the link below prior to visiting their location.

<https://www.qtc.com/government/military-readiness/>

Further testing location details for:

SMs in Reserve Components, active-duty SMs enrolled in TRICARE Prime Remote, and/or United States Coast Guard (USCG)/Reserve SMs:

- All DOD Reservist, Active Duty enrolled in Tricare Prime Remote (less Air Force and Space Force), and Department of Homeland Security USCG/Reserve Service Members can use Reserve Health Readiness Program (RHRP) for HIV blood draws.

- Once drawn, samples are shipped to CDD for both Army and Maritime to undergo processing and CDD notifies applicable Service Components of the test results.

\*\*\*RHRP does not support Reserve or Active-Duty Air Force and Space Force SMs for HIV draws.

SMs should follow normal RHRP procedures to request medical readiness and deployment related services by following their Service Components guidelines and contacting the RHRP supporting contractor.

### Further test order information below:

- HIV blood draws are ordered by calling the RHRP Call Center or placing requests in the RHRP Service Component portal, or RHRP SM portal.

- HIV blood draws can be provided in "Group Events". "Group Events" involve the collection of large numbers (minimum of 30) of SMs typically ordered by Commanders/Unit.

- HIV blood draws can also be provided individually in a RHRP network providers office or clinic in the civilian community.

## CDD Schedule

**CDD will be **closed** on Monday May 26, 2025, in observance of Memorial Day.**

**\*\*All packages that are shipped to CDD the weekend before will be held in a FedEx hub on Monday due to the holiday.\*\***

**CDD will reopen for testing on Tuesday May 27<sup>th</sup>.**

Please feel free to contact Armando Vasquez at [armando.vazquez@cddmedical.com](mailto:armando.vazquez@cddmedical.com) if you have any questions.

## Rejection Metric Reports

NBIMC has developed Rejection Metric Reports for all laboratory sites to track deficiency data. Reports from January 2024 to December 2024 are now available. Your site will receive an email with reports, please review your site deficiencies data and contact us if you have any question.

- Total # of tests submitted per site/UIC
- Total # of rejections (D2-D9 deficiencies) per site/UIC
- Average percent rejects per site/UIC
- D4 reject totals broken down by D4 reject reasonings
- D1 COR errors & D1 COR % rejects per site/UIC

Site Specific Rejection Metric Reports are **available upon request**. Submit a report request via email to NBIMC Program Analysts:

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