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TO: Surgeon General

FROM: Acting Assistant Secretary for Health

SUBJECT: **Commissioned Corps Personnel Policy Memorandum (PPM) 06-001**
Revised Influenza Vaccination Policy for Basic Level of Force Readiness and
Promotion Year (PY) 2006

This PPM provides notification that the current waiver for influenza vaccination shall be extended until 31 December 2005 (See PPM 05-002 dated 19 October 2004).

All officers are required to meet the standards for the Basic level of force readiness. This includes an annual influenza vaccination. This vaccination continues to be an appropriate requirement to protect our officers whether in deployment status or in their normal duty assignment. Effective immediately, the influenza vaccination waiver listed in PPM 05-002 shall be extended until 31 December 2005.

To meet the Basic level of force readiness, officers must obtain and submit proof of vaccination in accordance with Section 5.a.(2)(b) of Manual Circular PHS No. 377. Specifically, vaccination records submitted to the Office of Commissioned Corps Support Services/Medical Affairs Branch must be postmarked by 31 December 2005. Proof of vaccination must also be recorded on the Office of Force Readiness and Deployment Web site by 2400 Eastern Time, 31 December 2005. Thus, officers are advised to obtain the influenza vaccination as soon as possible to ensure:

1. They meet the force readiness standards listed in Manual Circular Public Health Service (PHS) No. 377, "Basic Level of Force Readiness Standards for the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service"; and
2. They receive promotion scoring credit for the Response Readiness precept if they are eligible for a permanent and/or temporary promotion during PY 2006 (See Section 4.a. of Manual Circular PHS No. 377; Subchapter CC23.4, INSTRUCTION 1; Subchapter CC23.4, INSTRUCTION 2; and Subchapter 26.1, INSTRUCTION 8).

This PPM will remain in effect until 31 December 2005.

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