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SUBJECT: Hepatitis B Vaccination Deadline

\*\*\*\*\* This message is an update to the ARCNet message dated 17 Apr 14 regarding requirements for all service members to have a current Hepatitis B vaccination. \*\*\*\*\*

The Hepatitis B vaccination is effective and is credited with an 82% decline in the HBV infection rate since 1991. The Hepatitis B vaccination is given in three doses, and you must receive the full three-shot series to keep your readiness current.

Because the three doses CANNOT be given in rapid succession, you MUST take action by 30 Sep 2014 to ensure the series is completed before 30 Mar 2015.

As a reminder:

- Dose 1 is given NOW (NLT 30 Sep 2014)
- Dose 2 is given NO EARLIER THAN one month after Dose 1
- Dose 3 is given NO EARLIER THAN five months after Dose 2
- Note: The clinic may perform a screening to determine if the vaccination is required.

**If you have not completed the three-shot series by 30 Mar 2015, your readiness will become overdue, and you will be restricted from performing military duty.** However, you must be in a military status at the time of the vaccination. IDTs (for pay or points) are the ideal status for completing this immunization requirement.

\*\*\*\*\* IMPORTANT: Start the process NOW! Once you begin the series, your ARCNet readiness color will turn green until the next dose is due. As the due date is approached and passed, it will turn yellow and then red. \*\*\*\*\*

To check your immunization record, visit myIMR (<https://asims.afms.mil/webapp/>). CLICK ON 'My Individual Medical Readiness Status' and select the 'view DD2766C' link under the 'Immunizations Section'. You can also find your servicing immunization clinic phone number on your myIMR page, should you have any questions on this requirement.

Thanks you for being proactive in maintaining your readiness and for your service to our great nation!

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