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From: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery

Subj: INAPPLICABILITY OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXEMPTION FOR SEPARATION OR RETIREMENT TO IMMUNIZATION FROM CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019

Ref: (a) BUMEDINST 6230.15B

1. Purpose. Clarification of inapplicability of administrative exemption established in chapter 2, section 2-6(b)(1), of reference (a) to immunization from Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).
2. Scope and Applicability. This notice applies to all Department of the Navy Service personnel seeking administrative exemption from the COVID-19 vaccine based on separation or retirement within 180 days pursuant to reference (a), chapter 2, section 2-6(b)(1).
3. Background. Per reference (a), chapter 2, section 2-6(b)(1), within 180 days before separation or retirement, Service personnel may be exempt from deployment (mobility) immunizations, if one of the conditions is met:
 - a. They are not currently assigned, deployed, or scheduled to perform duties in a geographical area where an immunization is indicated.
 - b. The commander has not directed immunization because of overriding mission requirements. Personnel who meet separation or retirement requirements and desire an immunization exemption must identify themselves to their commander. The member must have approved retirement or separation orders. Active duty personnel continuing duty in the reserve component are not exempted on this basis.
4. Action. The administrative exemption from deployment (mobility) immunizations for Service members within 180 days of separation or retirement per reference (a), chapter 2, section 2-6(b)(1), does not apply to immunization from COVID-19.
5. Records Management
 - a. Records created as a result of this notice regardless of format or media, must be maintained and dispositioned per the records disposition schedules located on the Department of

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the Navy Directorate for Administration, Logistics, and Operations, 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 notice or the records disposition schedules, please contact the local records manager or the Department of the Navy Directorate for Administration, Logistics, and Operations, Directives and Records Management Division program office.



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