

ANNEX DD to MEDCOM OPORD 20-21 (MILITARY TREATMENT FACILITY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) OUTBREAK)

Veterinary Services

Veterinary Treatment Facility (VTF)

Veterinary Patient services will be prioritized to the care of the Military Working Animals and DoD-owned animals to maintain readiness. Care to privately owned animals (POAs) will be prioritized to urgent care, health certificates, wellness appointments for patients that fall into a vulnerable situation such as juvenile immunization boosters, and prescription medication support. For additional tools and guidance please refer to the following website.

1. Commanders will ensure Veterinary Service personnel are listed as Mission Essential by the local installation commander to ensure continuity of operations, specifically DoD-owned animal care and food protection IAW DoDI 6200.03, Public Health Emergency Management within the DoD.
2. Commanders will utilize the following resources as planning tools to assist with risk assessment and mitigation decisions for VTF personnel and operations during the COVID-19 pandemic:
 - a. COVID-19 Risk Mitigation for DoD VTFs: Considerations and Resources found at <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/docs/DOC-750729>
 - b. APHC Animal Health Clinical Operations Technical Communication-147, COVID-19 VTF Operations Risk Mitigation Considerations found at <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/docs/DOC-749835>
 - c. APHC Global Veterinary Medical Practice COVID-19 Resources for guidance on NAF Employees and the supply chain found at <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/docs/DOC-750046>
 - d. Food Protection Resources found at <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/docs/DOC-744200>
 - e. Additional tools can be found on DOD Veterinary Services COVID-19 Resource Page at <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/community/spaces/armyveterinaryservices/one-health/emergent-health-events>.
3. In the event that the MTF requests VTF medical supplies or PPE to support the COVID-19 pandemic response the MTF must reimburse the Global Veterinary Medical Fund for items originally purchased with Non-appropriated Funds. All line items will be properly accounted and signed for by a responsible MTF personnel at the point of issue. Requested supplies will not degrade the VTF's ability to support emergent care of assigned Military Working Animals or DoD-owned animals.