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NJNG IMMUNIZATION REFUSAL POLICY

1. New Jersey National Guard (NJNG) members are forbidden to refuse immunizations necessary to meet operational readiness requirements.
2. Immunizations are essential for the readiness of military organizations as well as the health and safety of the individual airman or soldier. In these times of unprecedented worldwide deployments of New Jersey's National Guard units, there is an increased need for the protection offered by the many immunizations available. The heightened threat of biological warfare significantly increases the need for these same immunizations.
3. Refusal to submit to a required immunization will be considered a failure to obey a lawful order and may subject NJNG members to punitive and/or adverse administrative action. Failure to follow a lawful order is prejudicial to good order and discipline. There can be no discipline without enforcement, and all commanders will ensure that necessary actions are appropriately handled in accordance with applicable law and regulatory authority.
4. All immunization refusals will be reported without delay to the MSC/Wing commander of the organization. My office will be immediately informed of the matter and the intended course of action.
5. Further details concerning the NGB national policy on immunization refusal are contained in National Guard Bureau All States Log Number P02-0048, National Guard Immunization Refusal Policy and Procedures.


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