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UPDATE ON USAMRIID SCIENTIST

Additional laboratory tests have confirmed the initial diagnosis of tularemia in a female military scientist working at USAMRIID, as was first reported on December 4th.

She was initially receiving antibiotic treatment on an outpatient basis; however, on the evening of December 7th, her physician made the decision to have her admitted to Walter Reed Army Medical Center for inpatient treatment so she could receive antibiotics intravenously. She is still recuperating and her condition is stable and improving.

Tularemia is not transmissible from person to person.

The patient has requested privacy and the Institute is doing its best to accommodate her wishes.

USAMRIID, located at Fort Detrick, Maryland, is the lead medical research laboratory for the U.S. Department of Defense Biological Defense Research Program, and plays a key role in national defense and in infectious disease research. The Institute conducts basic and applied research on biological threats resulting in medical solutions (such as vaccines, drugs and diagnostics) to protect the warfighter.

While USAMRIID's primary mission is focused on the military, its research often has applications that benefit society as a whole. USAMRIID is a subordinate laboratory of the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command. For more information, visit www.usamriid.army.mil

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