



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE**  
HEADQUARTERS AIR COMBAT COMMAND  
LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, VIRGINIA

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MEMORANDUM FOR ACC MEDICAL GROUP COMMANDERS

FROM: HQ ACC/SG  
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SUBJECT: Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) Preparedness and Response

1. We must ensure our medical treatment facilities (MTFs) are postured for an appropriate response should there be an outbreak of SARS-associated coronavirus (SARS-CoV) as observed in early 2003. AF/SGO (Atch 1) has stressed the importance of reviewing our MTF medical response plans to ensure preparedness for early detection and effective management of SARS-CoV cases. Please ensure a thorough executive level review of your response plans at your facility.
2. Your response plan should address surveillance, screening and containment, and reporting procedures. You will want to take advantage of this review and also examine your capability to respond to other emerging diseases of public health significance. Review of your essential communication channels with local public affairs and state and local public health officials would also be appropriate at this time.
3. I appreciate your vigilance towards ensuring your MTF is prepared to address public health contingencies in the delivery of health care for both our warfighters and other beneficiaries in your charge. ACC POC is Lt Col Joel Ray, [joel.ray@langley.af.mil](mailto:joel.ray@langley.af.mil), DSN 574-3180.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Russell J. Kilpatrick".

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1 Attachment:  
AF/SGO Memo, 11 Feb 04



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