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News for employees of UCSF Medical Center

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As part of a national planning effort, UCSF Medical Center is educating employees about how to respond to a smallpox outbreak. The federal Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is working with state and local governments to plan services, including a vaccination program, in the event of a smallpox attack. HHS has said that there is no reason to believe that smallpox presents an imminent threat, but that this is part of a broad effort to prepare for potential bioterrorist attacks. Jane Hirsch, director of Nursing and Patient Care Services, said employees in Infection Control and Employee Health are participating in planning efforts and helping managers educate staffs in areas considered high-risk. Education sessions cover steps to take if an outbreak should occur and the volunteer process for vaccination and follow-up care. Hirsch said the medical center also is working with other hospitals and the Department of Public Health in San Francisco to ensure coordinated emergency planning.

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