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To: UCSF Medical Center and Campus Faculty, Staff, and Students
Fr: UCSF Smallpox Vaccination Issues Committee
Re: San Francisco Department of Public Health Smallpox Vaccine Program

A small number of UCSF Medical Center clinical staff have volunteered to participate in the San Francisco Department of Public Health's smallpox vaccination program. In addition, UCSF employees working at other medical centers may have volunteered to receive immunization from other county agencies and in a few instances, campus and medical center employees who are also members of the military reserves have received the smallpox vaccination. In an effort to have a standard approach to all staff, students, and faculty who may receive the smallpox vaccination and to protect UCSF Medical Center patients who have compromised immunity, UCSF Employee Health Services will oversee and monitor the vaccination site of **any member of the UCSF campus community** who has been vaccinated against smallpox.

Please note three very important procedures to follow if you receive a smallpox vaccination:

- If you know you are going to be immunized against smallpox or have recently been vaccinated, contact the office of Employee and Occupational Health Services (EHS) at 885-7580 as soon as possible for instructions;
- If you have already been immunized against smallpox, do NOT enter the Medical Center until you have contacted EHS for instructions;
- If you have already been immunized against smallpox, we request that you not work at any non-UCSF facilities until your vaccination site has been cleared by EHS.

The purpose of these measures is to guard against the very small but real risk of transmitting the vaccinia virus from the smallpox vaccine (this is not the same as the smallpox virus). EHS will be able to inform you how to best guard against risk of transmission of the vaccinia virus.

If you are in the military reserves and have been immunized against smallpox, please consider volunteering to serve as part of our UCSF Smallpox Response team. This is an entirely voluntary role. You may discuss the possibility of volunteering with EHS.

If you are interested in receiving smallpox vaccination screening information to enable you to serve as a vaccinator in future vaccination clinics or if you are interested in volunteering to provide administrative support in future vaccination clinics, please contact EHS.

To contact the UCSF office of Employee and Occupational Health Services, call 885-7580 between 7:30 am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, except holidays.

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