

## Smallpox Vaccination

Smallpox vaccinations are no longer routinely administered. If used (primarily as protection against smallpox as a biological warfare agent), the following policy will apply.

Where feasible, personnel will be immunized prior to going on leave.

Only military personnel will be immunized. Civilian hospital personnel should not be immunized against smallpox.

If the immunized person develops a vesicular reaction (after either primary or re-vaccination), they shall be removed from direct care of the following patients until the vaccinated area has formed an eschar (scab).

- Immuno-compromised patients.
- Persons with severe dermatitis (i.e., eczema) or burns.
- Newborns.
- Post-operative ophthalmology patients.