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**Standing Order for Pre-Event Smallpox Vaccination  
of Public Health and Hospital Response Team Members**

- Reconstitute smallpox vaccine as directed per the package insert.
- Vaccinate consenting Public Health and Hospital Response Team members who have been educated about risk, screened for all currently known contraindications, and determined to be eligible for vaccination, through the following method:

Administer Dryvax smallpox vaccine 1 gtt via bifurcated needle through scarification (multi-puncture technique into the superficial layers of the skin) of a  $\leq 5$ mm area of the skin over the insertion of the deltoid muscle or the posterior aspect of the arm over the triceps muscle. Use vaccine of standard potency (~100 million pfu/ml reconstituted vaccine). Administration should be done in accordance with all current vaccine licensure recommendations.

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**Background:** The federal government, by decision of the President, is currently recommending pre-event smallpox vaccination for consenting public health and hospital response team members – those individuals providing the initial response to the first few suspect or confirmed smallpox cases in a community. This recommendation is based on the possibility that certain individuals or nations could intentionally reintroduce smallpox as an act of terrorism. While the likelihood of such an attack is considered low, federal administration officials with access to both intelligence information and full knowledge of the inherent risks of vaccine, are recommending this step. The objective is a preparedness one -- assuring that a core of individuals would be able to rapidly and safely initiate response if necessary. The vaccination program is voluntary.