

Update on ASTHO/CSTE/NACCHO/APHL Conf Calls (questions from Feb. 14, 2003)

Vaccine

Vaccination Procedures

Will the smallpox active surveillance card be given to all states to use? (2/14/03)

Yes. Some states may choose to not use this form, but they must collect the same data.

Does this information for the smallpox active surveillance card have to be filled out for all vaccinees? (2/14/03)

Yes.

Can the information for the active surveillance card be accessed through the PVS system? (2/14/03)

There are multiple entry points to the active surveillance system. Information can be accessed through the PVS system, through the hospital system, or stand alone system.

How is data pre-populated in the active surveillance system? (2/14/03)

Patient information will be pre-populated, if you use the PVS or hospital system to access the active surveillance system. If you go directly through the standalone active surveillance system, only the name of the person (who is logged in and has security certificate) will pre-populate the system. However, only patient's PVS or state equivalent number is requested in the active surveillance system.

Is active surveillance is only for Phase I of the program? (2/14/03)

For the moment, yes. Guidance for subsequent evolution of the program is being drafted now, and will be distributed in March.

Is the smallpox vaccine licensed for deltoid administration only? (2/14/03)

This is CDC's recommendation. Vaccination in the deltoid region is the easiest site to manage. Health care providers should check the package insert for further information

Contraindications

Post Vaccination

Response to Vaccination

Smallpox Disease

Vaccination Program

Are states required to work with their local VA's? (2/14/03)

CDC encourages the state to work with their VA facilities in a collaborative process.

Liability and Section 304 of the Homeland Security Act

Compensation

Miscellaneous

CDC -- Not for further distribution or dissemination

Can the military give a regular summary of their experience? (2/14/03)

Dr. Grabenstein has been joining the weekly 4pm call occasionally to provide information updates. The best source of information is the military website (www.smallpox.army.mil).

Is the Division of Global Migration and Quarantine going to be coming out with any guidelines on dealing with suspected cases of smallpox? (2/14/03)

Preliminary Isolation and Quarantine guidelines for confirmed and suspect smallpox cases were published with the Interim Smallpox Response Plan. Revisions are underway and should be available in the next few months

What is the recommendation for states to send digital photos on equivocal takes to CDC? (2/14/03)

CDC has updated the clinician's section of the smallpox website to include a series of photos and education on different types of takes, and how to read them. This information should be helpful in reading 'equivocal' takes.