

Update on ASTHO/CSTE/NACCHO/APHL Conf Calls (questions from Jan. 22, 2003)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Frequently Asked Questions supporting the National Smallpox Vaccination Program – To be posted on Member-only websites of ASTHO, NACCHO, CSTE, and APHL

Is there any new information on the Israeli vaccination? (1/22/03)

They have vaccinated over 18,000. No other new information.

Connecticut (CT) will vaccinate the vaccinators and Public Health Staff, and then wait until 2/10 to vaccinate the health care workers. Why is CT waiting 2.5 weeks to start vaccinating health care workers? Is there anything significant about 2.5 weeks? (1/22/03)

CT decided to wait 2.5 weeks to ensure that the vaccinators are not having any adverse effects from the vaccine.

How is CT dealing with the compensation issues? (1/22/03)

CT legislation requires health insurers to cover the cost of hospitalization for all health workers. Also workman's compensation will cover the workers. Others vaccinated are considered state employees for the purpose of Stage I and covered by State insurance. Anyone involved in the transmission of vaccinia is free of liability.

Has CDC approved the ACIP recommendations? (1/22/03)

Yes, on 0/31/03.

Do health workers doing vaccination site checks require vaccination? (1/22/03)

No. It is preferable that health workers doing site checks be vaccinated, but not absolutely necessary.

How can states get the 11 minute videos? (1/22/03)

Claire Hannon sent out a note asking the states to identify the number of videos they needed. Claire polled members to determine the total number of videos to order.

Have the contraindications for vaccination been approved? (1/22/03)

Yes. Persons in households with children under 1 may get vaccinated.