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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
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SUBJECT: Department of Defense Smallpox Response Plan

The Department of Defense (DoD) has developed the attached Smallpox Response Plan that describes required actions in the event of a smallpox attack. This program is in concert with Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and other national initiatives, and is consistent with clinical guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). A major tenet of this plan requires medical personnel to be identified and prepared to respond to a smallpox attack. To maintain critical mission capability for these personnel, I direct the Services to organize, train, and vaccinate up to 5,000 initial medical responders and up to 25,000 medical treatment personnel.

Until the vaccine is licensed by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), participants receiving smallpox vaccine will do so under Investigational New Drug (IND) regulations.

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Attachment:
As stated

cc: Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard