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HEALTH AFFAIRS

MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, U.S. CENTRAL COMMAND

SUBJECT: Exception to Policy Guidance to the Mandatory Smallpox Vaccination Program in the U.S. Central Command Area of Responsibility

Upon consideration of the intelligence assessment provided, other intelligence products, and in alignment with current biological defense vaccination policy guidance, I approve the U.S. Central Command's (USCENTCOM) request for exception to policy for the Smallpox Vaccination Program. Smallpox vaccinations for Department of Defense personnel assigned or deploying to the USCENTCOM area of responsibility are no longer mandatory.

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