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Message from Dean Brater

It is an understatement to say that this is a stressful time. Our school, state, and national economies, terrorism, and the war in Iraq all weigh heavily on us.

In a group as large and diverse as the School of Medicine, opinions vary widely. Through all of this, we must remember that diversity is our strength and should be cherished. This is true for diversity of opinions, ethnic background, faith, profession, and on and on. We must be tolerant and supportive of one another.

This is particularly true because as a profession we have special responsibilities and obligations. One can imagine a myriad of circumstances where we may be called to serve our fellow citizens. Let us fervently hope that such needs do not arise, but, if they do, we should be ready.

Being well informed in advance is critical when a speedy response is necessary. Communication becomes paramount. I want to assure you that we are working hard to stay abreast of developments so that we are able to inform everyone in the School of Medicine if the need occurs.

We are working with campus security to install loudspeakers in all buildings that can be used to warn and advise you if there is a need. We also will communicate via *Scope*. We are overloaded by information these days, and many of you do not access *Scope* or only do so intermittently. I urge you to view *Scope* as your primary source of information concerning these issues. My worst nightmare is that harm befalls someone because he or she did not know what to do.

We will do our best to provide the information. I ask that you be equally diligent about accessing that information.

Our strength and security in these times in which we find ourselves will derive from viewing each other as part of a large, extended family. We will not always agree with one another on all issues, but we must embrace one another as brother and sister in the community of mankind.

Dean Craig Brater, MD

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Emergency mobilization procedures for IUSM

The IUSM Task Force on Bioterrorism has established the following recommendations for physicians, medical students, residents and other

health care professionals in the event of a disaster requiring medical mobilization:

- 1) All personnel should report for duty to the hospital to which they are currently assigned-e.g., if you are staffing IU but your office is in Wishard, you should go to IU; if you are a student rotating on Medicine at the VA, you should go to the VA.
- 2) At all times, wear your university/hospital ID tags. Arrangements are pending for emergency credentialing by the Medical Reserve Corps, which would allow medical personnel to report for duty at the closest hospital in Marion County.
- 3) Each hospital will have prominent signs posted in the main lobbies directing groups of individuals to report to specified locations (e.g., ER, OR, clinics, command posts, etc).
- 4) Information will be posted on the IUSM Disaster Preparedness and IUPUI Emergency Web sites listed below. It will be e-mailed to everyone and will be available by calling the IUPUI Disaster Preparedness hot line 317-274-7911. In the event that networks and phone lines are down, this information will be posted in each hospital.
- 5) The following phone numbers are available for additional safety and emergency information :

Clarian (IU, Methodist, Riley) Emergencies:

317-962-8000 or on campus 317-274-7270

IUPUI Safety and Emergency Management:

Coordinator Linda Harshbarger

317-274-7677

IUPUI Campus Police, Campus Emergencies:

(317) 274-7911 TTY: (317) 274-1387

Roudebush VA Emergencies:

317-554-0000 or

Backup Hospital Police Dispatch at 317-554-0063

6) The following URLs will post instructions during an emergency and contain useful information:

<http://www.police.iupui.edu/>

<http://www.iupui.edu/~iupuiemg/>

<http://www.medicine.iu.edu/disaster/index.html>

<http://www.indiana.edu/~breaking/>

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Smallpox vaccinator volunteers needed

In light of world events, state and local health officials are taking the next step in the implementation of Indiana's Smallpox Preparedness Plan: recruiting health professionals to volunteer for training as smallpox

vaccinators.

These volunteers do not need to be vaccinated to receive the training.

"In my opinion, if we ever see smallpox in Indiana, it will be in the next few weeks," said State Health Commissioner Greg Wilson, MD.

Health professionals who wish to volunteer for training as vaccinators -- including nurses, dentists, physician assistants, paramedics, and advanced emergency medical technicians -- should contact their local health department.

A form for volunteers is also available on the Indiana State Department of Health Web site at www.in.gov/isdh, which can be filled out on line, or faxed to the individual's local health department. Training sessions will be scheduled as soon as possible.

"We must be prepared to do large-scale smallpox vaccinations in the unlikely event of a smallpox outbreak," said Dr. Wilson. "These volunteer vaccinators will play an important role in our county's emergency preparedness. Most of the individuals who we have already vaccinated will be caring for patients in hospitals or will be out in the field investigating the outbreak, and would not be available to vaccinate."

The vaccinators trained for this new objective will be offered vaccinations prior to fulfilling their role as smallpox vaccinators, but would need to be vaccinated only in the event of a smallpox outbreak. It is anticipated that a mass vaccination process would take approximately 10 days and volunteers would be needed for all or part of that time.

"These volunteers will be no less prepared because they're not vaccinated in advance," Dr. Wilson said. "In addition to the public health and medical response teams we've currently established, this new objective will provide Indiana with further readiness capacity in the case of an emergency."

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IUPUI emergency resources

Following is a list of resources for information about emergencies at IUPUI.

Campus emergency information website

www.iupui.edu/~iupuiemg/

Adverse Weather Telephone Line - 278-1600

This number has a prerecorded message on the status of the campus based upon weather and emergency operations:

IUPUI Information Radio - 1610 AM

This short-range radio system normally provides parking and traffic information. During an emergency updates will be broadcast.

IUPUI Safety listserv

This moderated list provides information about crimes committed at IUPUI on a daily basis. Major crimes are reported separately. During emergencies information is sent out via this list. To subscribe send an email to police@iupui.edu

Media Outlets IUPUI provides information to:

Television	Radio
WISH CBS 8	WIBC 1970 AM
WRTV ABC 6	WNDE 1260 AM
WTHR NBC 13	WENS 97.1 FM
WXIN FOX 59	WFBQ (Bloomington) 103.7 FM
	WFMS 95.5 FM

WHHH	96.3	FM
WRZX	103	FM
WTPI	107.9	FM
WZPL	99.5	FM

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IUSM smallpox vaccination reporting guidelines

In an effort to support our faculty and staff, IUSM has established the following guidelines regarding individuals who may receive the smallpox vaccination. The smallpox vaccine contains the live virus, Vaccinia. Our goal is to ensure a safe work and patient care environment by emphasizing the need for vaccinated faculty/staff to follow appropriate procedures and to serve as a resource for these individuals when additional information is desired.

Guidelines

1. Individuals who are being vaccinated for smallpox through voluntary participation in the statewide or federal vaccination program, i.e., as a reservist in the military forces, as a medical staff member or employee of a hospital, or as an identified team member of the county health department smallpox team or Emergency Preparedness plan for the state, **must** follow the procedures of the entity in charge of their vaccination.

2. Individuals who are vaccinated **must** report to IU Occupational Health Services (IU OHS) that they have been vaccinated. Reporting can be done in writing or by e-mail to the director of IU OHS (see address below). The purpose of this reporting is so that IU OHS is aware of which faculty/staff at IUSM have been vaccinated in order to minimize risks to patients and colleagues. This information would also be important in case of an emergency.

3. Individuals who are vaccinated **must** report to IU OHS if they develop any serious adverse reactions to the vaccine. The purpose of this requirement is to minimize the risk of serious sequelae of the vaccine to individuals vaccinated, their co-workers or patients.

These guidelines apply to all part-time, full-time, or supplemental faculty/staff employees of IUSM.

Anyone with questions about smallpox vaccine and work issues may contact:

Stephen Wintermeyer, MD, MPH
Director, IU Occupational Health Services
Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine
Division of Pulmonary, Allergy, Critical Care and Occupational Medicine
CF 107
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Care packages for troops - deadline April 4

The IU Department of Public Health is collecting items for care packages to send to Hoosier military deployed in the Middle East. The collection is in conjunction with the Salvation Army's Operation Compassion from the Homeland. The purpose of these care packages is to send comfort and support to our soldiers during this trying time. The soldiers are limited on what they can take with them for the deployment, so items in the care package are greatly appreciated.

Donated items should be individually wrapped, sealed and unopened when possible. Food items are not allowed.

Item suggestions include:

Sun block, medicated powder, tooth paste, tooth brushes, dental floss, deodorant (non-aerosol), toilet paper (travel sized, individually wrapped), shampoo, razors, Q-tips, body lotion, antibacterial hand soap or wipes, lip balm, ink pens and note cards, decks of cards other card games, puzzle books, travel-sized games, letters of encouragement, dark colored T-shirts and socks, sunglasses.

If you are interested in participating, please fill a plastic bag with as many of the following items as possible and return them to IU Department of Public Health, Regenstrief Health Center, RG 4175 by **Friday, April 4**. If you are part of a department that would like to participate, please fill a box with items and e-mail angee@iupui.edu to arrange a pick-up time the week of April 7.

For more information, see www.pbhealth.iupui.edu or contact Andrea Gee, IUSM Department of Public Health, at 274.3126, or angee@iupui.edu.

Information fliers are available for organizations (such as PTA, Scout, church, etc.) that might be interested in donating multiple care packages.

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Submissions to Scope

Scope wants your news items.

The deadline for submission is 8:30 a.m. on Fridays. *Scope* is published electronically and sent to faculty, staff, students and residents.

There are four easy ways to submit story ideas or information to *Scope*:

- fax the information to 278-3502
- e-mail the information to mhardin@iupui.edu
- mail the information to Mary Hardin, LO 401, IUPUI
- paste your plain text message into *Scope* Web form on the IUSM faculty & staff page: <http://medicine.iu.edu/faculty>

Contributions submitted by e-mail should be forwarded in 12 point, plain text format.

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