

Wisconsin Division of Public Health

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR SCREENING SMALLPOX VACCINEES

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Due to the current information from CDC regarding cardiac events possibly related to smallpox vaccination, the following criteria should be used when screening potential smallpox vaccinees until further notice from CDC / ACIP.

ABSOLUTE DEFERRAL – ANY of the following:

- Cardiac Arrhythmia that is clinically significant (e.g., Premature ventricular contractions [PVCs], Atrial fibrillation [A-fib])
- Hypertension
- Congestive heart disease (CHD)
- Congestive heart failure (CHF)
- Coronary artery disease (CAD)
- Myocarditis
- Pericarditis
- Angina (chest pain)
- Fragile (uncontrolled) diabetes
- Other pre-existing heart disease

OR

DEFER IF ANY TWO OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Obesity
- Heart murmur
- Diabetes – controlled
- Increased cholesterol (even if on medication to keep at <200)
- Rheumatic heart disease
- Family history of heart disease (primary relatives, < age 60)
- Smoker - current