

## Meeting 3 of the Committee on the Current State of Research, Development, and Stockpiling of Smallpox Medical Countermeasures

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## **USG Needs**

- Potential strategic approach(es) for stockpiling smallpox MCMs to ensure preparedness to respond while acknowledging the realities of a resourceconstrained environment
- An enumeration of ways in which research using live variola virus can benefit preparedness for a smallpox outbreak, including vaccine and therapeutics research

## **Factors for Consideration**

When providing insights on stockpiling approach for smallpox MCMs, keep in mind

- 1. Vaccine/therapeutic safety and applicability
- 2. General public's willingness to use vaccines
- 3. Storage requirements (including potential for long-term storage)
- 4. Vaccine administration (e.g., method, # doses required)
- 5. Commercial manufacturing capability
- 6. Future development of mRNA-based vaccines
- 7. Distribution requirements
- 8. Synthetic biology
- 9. How much (qualitative)
- 10. Potential scenarios
- 11. Costs

In a resource-constrained environment, ASPR must make difficult choices about how and what to stockpile for a host of threats.