

**ISSUES TO CONSIDER: VACCINATION STRATEGIES: RING VS. MASS VACCINATION**

**Ring Vaccination** (targeted vaccination) is a strategy in which only direct contacts (friends, family members, and coworkers) of confirmed smallpox victims are identified and vaccinated.

**Mass Vaccination** is a strategy in which all persons in an area (city, region, or entire country) are vaccinated, whether exposed to the smallpox virus or not.