

Smallpox Virus

Smallpox is a **real virus** that was one of the most historically significant and deadly viruses of the last several centuries. It is caused by the variola virus that emerged in human populations thousands of years ago.

It has been eradicated through a worldwide vaccination campaign in the 20th Century. The last case of smallpox in the United States was in 1949. The last naturally occurring case in the world was in Somalia in 1977.

Two stocks of the virus exist, one in the United States and one in Russia.

Pox is the Latin word for "spotted" and refers to the raised bumps that appear on the face and body of an infected person.

Assembly Instructions:

1. Cut out shape along outside edge.
2. Pre-crease all dashed black lines with a ruler and a blunt-edged tool (i.e. a bone tool or pen cap).
3. Fold all dashed black lines away from you (i.e. mountain fold).
4. Spread a thin layer of glue on a folded tab.
5. Place tab under corresponding side and press together until glue dries.
6. Repeat until assembled.

