



## News from Congressman TOM REYNOLDS

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### **Reynolds Visits Rochester's Logical Images** *Local company has national role in smallpox vaccinations*

U.S. Representative Thomas M. Reynolds, R-Clarence, was in Rochester today, where he visited Logical Images. The local company – which is providing educational and training resources for the nation's healthcare workers – recently unveiled the Smallpox Vaccination website it developed for the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

"Last Friday, President Bush announced a smallpox vaccination program for the nation's military," Reynolds said at a news conference following a briefing by company officials. "As he said during that announcement, 'Americans have been forced to prepare for a variety of threats we hope will never come.' While it is our sincerest hope we will never see this disease used as a weapon, we must be prepared at all levels against any type of attack."

The work done at Logical Images will provide proper education and visual references for both healthcare professionals and the population at large to more effectively identify and manage adverse reactions to the vaccine.

"Logical Images is helping provide a vital service to healthcare workers and all Americans by making vital information available and accessible," Reynolds said. "Whether providing information on properly administering a smallpox vaccine, or helping identify and manage adverse reactions, the tools provided by Logical Images will make our nation's healthcare workers better prepared."

Reynolds noted that routine smallpox vaccinations were discontinued in the United States thirty years ago, and that in 1980, the World Health Organization declared that smallpox has been completely eradicated.

"No one should think that this kind of information and preparation means we are facing any imminent threat," Reynolds cautioned. "But preparing our healthcare workers for a disease no one has seen in more than a generation is just common sense."

Logical Images, located on Winton Place in Rochester, is a leader in developing powerful point-of-care and diagnostic support tools to enable physicians and non-expert health care workers to quickly and accurately diagnose and appropriately treat diseases. The website the company developed for the CDC can be accessed at [www.bt.cdc.gov/training/smallpoxvaccine/reactions](http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/smallpoxvaccine/reactions).

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