

Updates

Dear Humboldt County Providers,

With the change to Jynneos vaccine instructions that CDPH/CDC issued this week, Humboldt County Public Health (HCPH) will now have access to 500 first doses of vaccine. During this week Humboldt County Public Health will be finalizing efforts to distribute doses to local community partners so that clients can be assessed and vaccinated at their medical home. Public Health will also be offering clinics for individuals at **high risk** for contracting monkey pox who do not have a local provider or a provider that does not have access to vaccines.

It is important that individuals at the highest risk can quickly access vaccinations. HCPH is asking for your help in identification and vaccination. The CDC guidelines are as follows:

Tier I Priority Groups:

*Gay, bisexual, and other men (including cisgender and transgender men) who have sex with men (MSM) or transgender women who meet **at least one** of the following criteria:*

- *Have been diagnosed with a bacterial sexually transmitted disease (e.g., chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis) in the past 3 months, **OR***
- *Have engaged in chemsex or group sex with other men (within 14 days), **OR***
- *Have had sex recently with anonymous male partners (within 14 days), **OR***
- *Have attended sex-on-premises venues (e.g., saunas, bathhouses, sex clubs) (within 14 days), **OR***
- *Have engaged in survival and/or transactional sex (within the last 3 months)*

Among this group, persons who are living with HIV (particularly those with CD4 count <200/mm or an opportunistic infection) or other conditions that cause immunocompromise should be prioritized for vaccination.

If you have patients that fall into this category, **and cannot vaccinate them**, please complete the following spreadsheet, and fax it back to our secure line at (707) 445-7346 for prioritization of these individuals for vaccination. We will begin targeted vaccination this Friday (8/12/22).

As supplies allow, we will also be offering vaccine to those who fall into the following higher risk categories. This would include Gay, bisexual, and other men (including cisgender and transgender men) who have sex with men, and transgender women who have sex with men who meet any of the additional criteria:

- Have been diagnosed with an STI in the last 12 months
- Use or have been recommended to use HIV PrEP
- Are living with HIV and are considered at risk for monkeypox exposure



Also included:

- Sex workers (of any gender)
- Individuals who are currently experiencing homelessness or experience intermittent homelessness and are considered at risk for monkeypox exposure
- Persons living in residential substance use treatment centers who are considered at risk for monkeypox exposure

You do not need to complete the form for the other individuals at risk. HCPH will be opening up vaccinations more broadly in the coming week, HCPH wants to ensure that we are not missing those most at risk who may not be able to advocate for themselves. We will be releasing more information early next week about how other individuals at risk can get signed up for vaccination for monkey pox.

For monkeypox vaccine questions, please contact (707)268-2108.

Testing and Lab Updates

Please look for an upcoming health alert with important updates about testing and lab collection.

Clinic

At this stage, please do not have patients call Public Health seeking vaccination appointments if already provider identified and included on spreadsheet. As staffing allows, Public Health will schedule vaccination appointments for provider-identified high-risk individuals.

NOTE:

- Vaccination will be recorded in CAIR
- Vaccinated individuals will be provided a copy of their CAIR record with Monkeypox vaccination included

More information regarding vaccination scheduling for those identify as Tier 2 and Others will be available in the coming weeks.

Website Resources

Please refer to Humboldt County Website the [Humboldt County Provider Communications](#) for archived Public Health Alerts regarding Monkeypox

