

Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH)**WEEKLY MONKEYPOX UPDATE****LATEST NUMBERS**

- As of August 29, 2022:
 - 327 total Monkeypox cases (confirmed + presumed)
 - Information on criteria for presumed cases available [here](#).
 - 4,569 doses have been administered.
 - Information on the federal management of Monkeypox vaccine delivery available [here](#).
- Data on Monkeypox cases and vaccine distribution, with demographic characteristics, are updated [here](#) every Monday.
- The Health Department, as part of its goal to be as transparent as possible, is one of the first jurisdictions in the country to report demographics on both people who have monkeypox and vaccine recipients.
 - More detail on this dashboard is available below in the section on advocacy efforts for an equitable response and is available here: <https://bit.ly/MPXDash>

LATEST NEWS

- **Funding for Equitable Monkeypox Outreach**
 - The Health Department is seeking proposals from qualified applicants in Philadelphia to expand monkeypox vaccination services and related outreach activities for populations who are at high risk for monkeypox.
 - These populations include gay, bisexual, transgender, and other men who have sex with men, transgender, or non-binary persons, particularly populations that have been disproportionately affected by the [2022 monkeypox outbreak](#), such as Black/African American residents.
 - The intent of this program is to promote equitable access to vaccine, as well as to ensure that accurate and timely information is available to people who are at high risk for monkeypox, particularly those who may be difficult to reach through traditional and social media.
 - There are three overarching tracks for programmatic activities. The Health Department plans to issue up to 10 awards to qualified applicants.
 - Find more information, including how to apply, here: bit.ly/PHLMPXFundingOpp
 - Vaccine providers that can offer community-based monkeypox vaccination services are eligible for awards up to \$50,000.
 - Organizations that intend to focus on collaborations with vaccine providers or outreach activities are eligible for awards up to \$25,000.
 - Please direct any questions to healthresponse@phila.gov.
- **Monkeypox Information Session: Wednesday, September 7 from 1-2pm**
 - This 1-hour training from PDPH will go over the following:
 - Overview of Monkeypox, Signs and Symptoms, What to do if you're sick, Treatment, Harm Reduction, Vaccine and Resources.
 - Spanish, Mandarin, and ASL interpretation provided
 - Register [here](#).
 - Find a social media toolkit [here](#) and a flyer [here](#).
 - Please feel free to share far and wide.
- **FREE Lyft rides**
 - You can schedule a free Lyft ride to and from any Monkeypox vaccine appointment in the City of Philadelphia, by calling 215-685-5488.
- **Travel not advised if you have Monkeypox**





- New recommendations from the CDC advises that you do not travel until you confirm with a healthcare provider that you do not have monkeypox.
 - If you have monkeypox symptoms or had close contact with someone who has monkeypox, talk to your healthcare provider.
- More information available [here](#).
- **PDPH adopts federal dose conservation strategy**
 - Due to the extremely limited supply on Monkeypox vaccine, on August 9, 2022, the FDA approved using 1/5th of the conventional dose as an intradermal injection.
 - The vaccine is administered into the layers of the skin rather than the traditional dosing into the subcutaneous area under the skin.
 - Your body produces a similar immune response to the vaccine if given at a lower dose intradermally or at a higher dose subcutaneously.
 - Using a lower dose means vaccinators can get up to five time as many doses out of the vial, which means up to five times as many people can be vaccinated.
 - More information is available at <https://bit.ly/PHLmpxD>.

LATEST VACCINATION AND CONTAINMENT RESOURCES

- There is no shame in being sick with Monkeypox.
 - Reach out to friends and contacts to get the emotional and logistical support you need to deal with this virus.
 - Visit www.healthymindsphilly.org for ideas, screenings, trainings, resources, and more to support your well-being while dealing with this virus.
- **The number of vaccine appointments is EXTREMELY LIMITED at this time, and vaccine doses are prioritized for those at the highest risk.**
- Call the PDPH Call Center at 215-685-5488 for any possible or known exposure to Monkeypox.
 - The call center will ask questions to determine risk of exposure and vaccine eligibility.
 - The call center can make appointments for eligible residents to get a Monkeypox vaccine and provide guidance on quarantine, isolation, and safety following exposure.
- The CDC currently advises:
 - Getting vaccinated as soon as possible after exposure to someone with monkeypox (ideally within 4 days) for the best chance to prevent the disease or make it less severe.
 - The CDC is not encouraging vaccination against monkeypox for the broader public or for everyone who is sexually active.
 - While vaccine supplies are limited, getting a monkeypox vaccine when you don't need it could mean that people who do need it can't get it.

UP-TO-DATE GUIDANCE MATERIALS

- Find a social media toolkit [here](#).
 - Please use this toolkit to share information with priority groups, through both formal and informal social networks.
 - Feel free to adapt as needed to your audience.
- Find the latest flyers, brochures, and other educational materials [here](#) and [here](#).
 - Translated materials available.
 - For free printed copies, please contact Rainy.Paulino@phila.gov.
- Find the most up-to-date information on Monkeypox in the U.S. from the CDC [here](#).
- Find the most up-to-date information on Monkeypox in Philadelphia from PDPH [here](#).
 - This blog has the most comprehensive information on the Monkeypox virus and the public health response in Philadelphia.

LATEST ADVOCACY EFFORTS FOR AN EQUITABLE RESPONSE

- The Philadelphia Department of Public Health released a data dashboard that contains demographic information on monkeypox cases in Philadelphia, and Philadelphia residents who have been vaccinated against monkeypox



- Philadelphia is one of the first jurisdictions in the country to report demographics on both people who have monkeypox and vaccine recipients.
- PDPH has been inviting individuals from our databases that may be high risk and targeted zip codes and demographics following our case trends.
- The Health Department is working to identify organizations that serve persons at high-risk for monkeypox that would like to collaborate with PDPH to host vaccination clinics and/or expand outreach efforts.
 - PDPH has secured funding to compensate partners for their work to help slow the spread of this outbreak. For more information visit: bit.ly/PHLMPXFundingOpp
- PDPH is adapting guidance to include sex workers and other priority populations.

STAY CONNECTED

- Please contact us with feedback and suggestions for topics you would find useful in this weekly newsletter or how we can better reach communities at risk of exposure to Monkeypox.
- This newsletter is produced by the Public Health Preparedness Program. To sign up, unsubscribe, or comment, email publichealthpreparedness@phila.gov.

Be safe!