

Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH)

WEEKLY MONKEYPOX UPDATE

LATEST NUMBERS

- As of September 13, 2022:
 - 420 total Monkeypox cases (confirmed + presumed)
 - Information on criteria for presumed cases available [here](#).
 - 5,325 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 at: <https://bit.ly/MPXDash>

LATEST NEWS

- **Monkeypox Vaccine Interest Form:** <https://bit.ly/MPXVaccineInterest>
 - When you fill out the Monkeypox Vaccine Interest Form online, PDPH will determine if you are eligible to receive the vaccine.
 - Now, you can fill out this form OR call the Health Department at 215-685-5488, you do not have to do both.
 - People who are eligible will be contacted by email or phone, to set up an appointment.
 - Appointments will be set to ensure that vaccine is given out in the most equitable manner.
 - If you don't immediately get an appointment, your name will be added to a list to be invited in the future when more vaccine appointments are available, or you become eligible.
 - The [MPX Vaccine Interest Form](#) is available in English and Spanish.
 - People who do not want to, or cannot, complete it online, or people who need assistance in other languages can call 215-685-5488 and a Health Department call taker will complete it with you.
 - More information available [here](#).
- **Bring the Monkeypox Vaccine to You**
 - If you have an event coming up, PDPH can host an information table and sign eligible people up for Monkeypox vaccine appointments.
 - Email at publichealthpreparedness@phila.gov to discuss.
- **New, public social media toolkit available [here](#)**
 - Please use this toolkit to share information far and wide and especially to people who may need to know more about Monkeypox and how to get a vaccine.
 - We need your help getting this critical information to people who need it and are hoping you can use your platform to reach people who already trust you.
 - All posts are editable, so please free to use as-is or delete the PDPH logo and redesign to make it more relevant to your followers.
 - We can assist with file editing or translations by request, please feel free to reach out.
 - We hope everyone can get the information they need to make an informed choice about the Monkeypox vaccine, feel supported in dealing with this virus and stay safe.

- **JYNNEOS vaccine eligibility expanded**

- The supply of JYNNEOS vaccine was extremely limited so only those with the highest risk of getting the virus were eligible to receive the vaccine.
 - Now that more vaccine is available, PDPH is able to expand eligibility to help protect an expanded group of people who are at risk of getting the virus.
- In addition to current eligibility criteria, you are now eligible to get the vaccine if you:
 - Have recently attended or plan to attend any venue where anonymous sex or sex with multiple partners will occur (e.g. saunas, bathhouses, sex clubs, sex parties) in the next 30 days.
 - Have met recent partners or plan to meet new partners in the next 30 days through social media platforms (such as Grindr, Tinder or Scruff), or at clubs, raves, sex parties, saunas.
- Full eligibility criteria can be found about halfway down this page.

- **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.

- **Current CDC advice**

- 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](#).
- 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.
- Recording of the PDPH Monkeypox information available [here](#).
 - Info session was held on Wednesday, September 7 and covered the following topics:
 - Overview of Monkeypox, Signs and Symptoms, What to do if you're sick, Treatment, Harm Reduction, Vaccine and Resources.
- 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**

- To make it easier for people to connect with the Health Department and get an appointment to be vaccinated, if they are eligible, PDPH is offering the following:
 - The [Monkeypox Vaccine Interest Form](#), hopefully a more efficient way for people to express interest in receiving the vaccine.
 - Bring the Monkeypox Vaccine to You
 - If you have an event coming up, PDPH can host an information table and sign eligible people up for Monkeypox vaccine appointments.
 - Email us at publichealthpreparedness@phila.gov to discuss.
- PDPH is continuing to build partnerships with locations and organizations to try and offer the vaccine in more convenient locations in North and West Philly, in addition to Center City.





- PDPH continues to invite individuals to get vaccinated from our databases that may be high risk, and targeted zip codes and demographics following our case trends, as well as individuals who have been identified as high risk through contact tracing.
- PDPH staff have been going door to door to reach relevant businesses, share critical information, and hear community concerns. This effort is being scaled up to include relevant community events.
- PDPH has secured funding to compensate partners for their work to help slow the spread of this outbreak.
 - Applications closed on September 14th and funding announcements will be awarded as soon as possible.
 - More information available at: bit.ly/PHLMPXFundingOpp
- The Health Department is working to build relationships with organizations and businesses that serve persons at high-risk for monkeypox, that would like to collaborate with PDPH to host vaccination clinics and/or expand outreach efforts.
 - Please reach out if you would like to collaborate: publichealthpreparedness@phila.gov

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- 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.

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