

Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH) WEEKLY MONKEYPOX UPDATE

LATEST NUMBERS

- As of October 19, 2022:
 - 523 total Monkeypox cases (confirmed + presumed)
 - Information on criteria for presumed cases available [here](#).
 - 6,127 first doses and 1,533 second 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

- **Outbreak has slowed**
 - **Philadelphia, like the rest of the country, is seeing rates of new Monkeypox infections slow down.**
 - **It is unclear if this is because of vaccination rates, messaging and people changing their behavior to stay safer from the virus, or simply because viral spread is slowing down.**
 - **Unfortunately, this does not mean the outbreak is over. It is important for people at risk to get vaccinated, get their 2nd dose when they are eligible, and be safer when engaging in activities that put them at risk.**
- **Second doses**
 - The monkeypox vaccine, JYNNEOS, is a two-dose series, with dose 2 recommended 28 days after dose 1.
 - PDPH is beginning to contact people who got their first doses over the summer to bring them back for second doses.
 - However, PDPH is still prioritizing distribution of first doses, so it will take some time to recall persons who previously received subcutaneous vaccination.
 - It is ok if the second occurs more than 28 days after the first dose. You do not need to restart the vaccine series, and a delay will not negatively impact the immune response to the second dose.
 - While people are waiting to be contacted for their second dose from the Health Department, people should be encouraged to contact their healthcare providers to see if they are offering JYNNEOS vaccine. People should also continue to take precautions against monkeypox until 14 days after their second dose, when maximum immunity is reached.
 - All second doses will be administered intradermally, regardless of whether or the first dose was subcutaneous or intradermal.
- **CDC Health Advisory: If you were exposed to monkeypox through sexual contact, you should also be tested for HIV and other sexually transmitted infections.**
 - On 10/4/2022, the CDC released [this Health Advisory](#) over their Health Alert Network on severe signs and symptoms of monkeypox among people who are immunocompromised.
 - Recommendations for healthcare providers:
 - Healthcare providers should be aware of risk factors for severe manifestations of monkeypox and should conduct HIV testing for people with confirmed or suspected monkeypox.



- Recommendations for the public:
 - If you were exposed to monkeypox through sexual contact, you should also be tested for HIV and other sexually transmitted infections.
- Background:
 - During the current outbreak in the United States, 38 percent of people diagnosed with monkeypox were coinfecting with HIV and most reported cases of monkeypox with severe manifestations have been among people living with untreated HIV.
- Read the full CDC Health Advisory [here](#).

CURRENT VACCINATION AND CONTAINMENT RESOURCES

- **Reach out and connect**
 - 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.
- **Call the PDPH 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 eligibility to be vaccinated.
 - The call center can make appointments for eligible residents to get a Monkeypox vaccine and provide guidance on quarantine, isolation, and safety following exposure.
- **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.
- **Monkeypox Vaccine Interest Form**
 - Visit: <https://bit.ly/MPXVaccineInterest>
 - Now, you can fill out this form OR call the Health Department at 215-685-5488, you do not have to do both.
 - After you fill out the form, people who are eligible will be contacted by email or phone, to set up an appointment to get vaccinated.
 - Help spread the word with the updated social media toolkit available [here](#).
- **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.

LATEST GUIDANCE MATERIALS

- **Social Media Toolkit available in Spanish and English [here](#).**
 - All posts are editable, 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.
 - Includes information on the Vaccine Interest Form with sample captions and graphics.
 - 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.
 - Please continue to spread the word.
- **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.
- **The latest from the CDC**
 - Visit the CDC [Monkeypox Webpage](#) for the latest updates on guidance and considerations for healthcare and service providers.
 - The CDC published [this new resource](#) on reducing stigma in communication and community engagement for the Monkeypox response and more.
- **The latest from PDPH**
 - Visit the City's Monkeypox site: <https://www.phila.gov/monkeypox>
 - Find the latest updates, information on vaccine and testing and the data dashboard.
 - This blog has the most comprehensive information on the monkeypox virus and the public health response in Philadelphia.
 - Includes frequently asked questions in Spanish and English.

LATEST ADVOCACY EFFORTS FOR AN EQUITABLE RESPONSE

- PDPH has expanded locations of City-run Monkeypox clinics and continues to explore options of how to make the vaccine more accessible and convenient.
 - PDPH continues the strategy of inviting 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 is attending relevant in-person and virtual events to offer current information, answer questions and help eligible people sign up on the [Vaccine Interest Form](#).
 - If you are interested in PDPH attending your event, please email us at publichealthpreparedness@phila.gov to discuss.
- PDPH continues to meet with the community advisory group to hear concerns, ask questions and collaborate with community members and leaders to respond to the outbreak.
 - 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 connect or offer suggestions:
publichealthpreparedness@phila.gov
- In an effort to be transparent with the outbreak response, PDPH published its Outbreak Response Plan publicly. Read it [here](#).

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.

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