

Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH)

WEEKLY MONKEYPOX UPDATE

LATEST NUMBERS

- As of October 26, 2022:
 - 532 total Monkeypox cases (confirmed + presumed)
 - Information on criteria for presumed cases available [here](#).
 - 6,352 doses and 1,751 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

- **Philadelphia Monkeypox Vaccine Grant Awardees Announced**
 - As of October 27, 2022, eight local organizations have been awarded funding under the Health Department's recently announced [Promoting Equity and Expansion of Monkeypox Vaccination Services](#) funding opportunity.
 - Funding was awarded across three tracks:
 - 1. Monkeypox vaccination services
 - Bebashi Transition for Hope
 - Courage Medicine
 - Drexel Medicine
 - Mazzoni Center
 - Philadelphia FIGHT
 - Note that It Takes Philly/the Ala Stanford Center for Health Equity was funded for Track 1 activities through a separate funding mechanism
 - 2. Collaboration to support monkeypox vaccination services
 - Galaei/Urban Affairs Coalition
 - 3. Community engagement for monkeypox vaccination to the following organizations
 - COLOURS Organization/Urban Affairs Coalition
 - Prevention Meets Fashion
 - The aim of this funding is to reach priority community members through partners they already know and trust.
 - PDPH will continue to offer the Monkeypox vaccine and 2nd doses to high-risk persons but will also transition to provisioning vaccine to other organizations and service providers, funded by the RFP.
 - More information available below and [here](#).
- **Second Doses**
 - People who got their first dose at least 28 days ago are eligible for their second dose.
 - PDPH is beginning to contact people 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 okay if the second dose 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.
- All second doses will be administered intradermally, regardless of whether or the first dose was subcutaneous or intradermal.

LATEST 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.

UP TO DATE GUIDANCE MATERIALS

- **Social Media Toolkit available in Spanish and English [here](#)**
 - All posts are editable, so please feel 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

- **Local partners able to expand the Monkeypox Response**
 - More than half of those diagnosed with monkeypox have reported their race as Black, while only 27% of vaccine doses have been administered to Black Philadelphians.
 - The funding opportunity was designed 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.
 - PDPH has awarded funding to 8 local partners.
 - The aim of this funding is to support partners to:
 - Build an equitable and accessible monkeypox vaccination network across the city of Philadelphia that serves people who are at high risk for infection, particularly persons in under-vaccinated demographic groups.
 - Create vaccine access points in geographic areas and for communities that are at high risk for monkeypox from under-vaccinated demographic groups.
 - Direct monkeypox vaccination outreach to Philadelphia residents who are at high risk for monkeypox but may be harder to reach.
 - More information available [here](#).
- To increase access, PDPH has expanded locations of City-run Monkeypox clinics and 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 meets monthly with the community advisory group. The meeting is 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





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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