

Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH)

WEEKLY MONKEYPOX UPDATE

LATEST NUMBERS

- As of November 9, 2022:
 - 544 total Monkeypox cases (confirmed + presumed)
 - Information on criteria for presumed cases available [here](#).
 - 6,743 doses and 2,422 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](#).
 - 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

- **Walk up Monkeypox Vaccine Clinics**
 - See attached flyer for details.
- **Rite Aid is offering monkeypox vaccine by appointment and as walk-ups.**
 - The following Rite Aid locations will now offer the vaccine:

3200-92 Red Lion Road	19114	(215) 637-1200
10 Snyder Avenue	19148	(215) 465-3270
2017-2023 S Broad Street	19148	(215) 627-3151
801 S 9th Street	19147	(215) 925-4481
810 S Broad Street	19146	(215) 985-0113
704-20 East Passyunk Avenue	19147	(215) 627-3151
2121 W Lehigh Avenue	19132	(215) 226-6479
136 N 63rd Street	19139	(215) 472-7820
3260 N Broad Street	19140	(215) 225-9704
6515 Castor Avenue	19149	(215) 535-2800

- For more information visit: <https://www.riteaid.com/pharmacy/scheduler>, or call to ask about hours.

- **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.
- **Expanded Vaccine Eligibility: Anyone at risk can now get a Monkeypox vaccine**
 - On November 4, 2022, PDPH issued a health update stating any patient who feels they are at risk for coming into contact with Monkeypox can now be vaccinated.
 - They do not need to meet any further eligibility criteria.
 - Read the PDPH Health Update [here](#).
 - Read the PDPH blog post [here](#).
- **Vaccine Interest Form Being Phased Out**
 - With this expanded eligibility criteria, PDPH will phase out the Vaccine Interest Form.
 - The Vaccine Interest Form helped PDPH offer limited vaccine to priority groups in an effort to distribute vaccine equitably.
- **CDC Launches Funding Opportunity for CBOs**
 - The CDC Foundation launched a mini-grant opportunity to support monkeypox vaccination efforts, titled the [Reducing Disparities in Monkeypox Vaccination Project](#).
 - Mini-grants will be offered to community-based organizations, state, territorial, local, or tribal health departments or tribal organizations to support activities related to the administration of monkeypox vaccines.
 - More information is available [here](#).
 - The deadline to apply is November 23, 2022.
- **Philadelphia Monkeypox Vaccine Grant Awardees Begin Work on the Response**
 - 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
 - Mazzone 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](#).



LATEST IN-PERSON PDPH OUTREACH

- The next meeting of the Community Advisory Group is Wednesday, November 16 at 4:00pm.
 - The following meeting is Monday, December 21, 2022 at 4:00pm.
- First Friday vaccine clinics will be held at Level Up hosted by Bebashi and Mazzoni.
- The PDPH outreach team is canvassing venues in the coming weeks with information on Monkeypox testing, vaccine, and relevant information.
- The Ballroom Outreach Working Group met to review a survey of the ballroom community to learn about needs related to overall health and wellness, including sexual health and to discuss survey distribution.

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.
- **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

- **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.
 - 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 decrease barriers to vaccine access, PDPH has:
 - Expanded vaccine eligibility to include anyone who thinks they are at risk.
 - Opened walk-up clinics. See the attached flyer for more details.
 - Publicly promoted vaccine being available at select Rite Aid pharmacy locations.
- PDPH is attending relevant in-person and virtual events to offer current information.
 - 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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