



Health Advisory: Clarification Regarding Health Advisory Released on July 27, 2022

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Purpose:

To provide clarification regarding vaccine prioritization.

Situation:

On July 27, 2022, the Alameda County Public Health Department (ACPHD) released a [health advisory](#) providing updated clinical guidance for monkeypox. Since we released this health advisory, ACPHD has received several questions regarding our updated JYNNEOS vaccine prioritization criteria. To address these questions, we are providing further clarification regarding our vaccine prioritization criteria.

Vaccine Prioritization:

ACPHD expanded its eligibility criteria for JYNNEOS vaccine to include persons living with HIV (PLWH); however, we would like to clarify that PLWH who are eligible for vaccine should have risk factors for exposure to monkeypox based on the current epidemiology. Specifically, PLWH should be *gay, bisexual, other men who have sex with men, or transgender persons who have sex with men who have had a sexually transmitted infection such as chlamydia, gonorrhea, or syphilis in the past month or had more than one sex partner in the past month.*

Based on the current JYNNEOS vaccine supply, ACPHD recommends vaccination for the persons noted below and the changes to our criteria are italicized and underlined:

- Close contact to someone with confirmed monkeypox
- Close contact to someone with high clinical suspicion (i.e., characteristic rash and risk factors) for monkeypox
- Close contact with others at a venue or event or within a social group where a suspected or confirmed monkeypox case was identified
- Persons living with HIV who are *gay, bisexual, other men who have sex with men, or transgender persons who have sex with men who have had:*
 - *A sexually transmitted infection such as chlamydia, gonorrhea, or syphilis in the past month; or*
 - *More than one sex partner in the past month*

- A healthcare professional who has been identified with a high or intermediate risk occupational exposure to someone who has confirmed monkeypox according to the [CDC exposure risk assessment](#)
- A laboratory worker who routinely handles monkeypox virus samples for diagnosis or testing purposes

Additional Resources:

- [ACPHD Monkeypox Epi and Clinical Information](#)
 - ACPHD CMR Form for [Reporting](#)
 - Monkeypox Patient Screening Form
- [ACPHD Monkeypox General Information](#)
- [Monkeypox | Poxvirus | CDC](#)
 - [Clinical Recognition | Monkeypox | Poxvirus | CDC](#)
 - [Infection Control | Monkeypox | Poxvirus | CDC](#)
 - [Considerations for Monkeypox Vaccination | Monkeypox | Poxvirus | CDC](#)
 - [Guidance for Tecovirimat Use Under Expanded Access Investigational New Drug Protocol during 2022 U.S. Monkeypox Cases | Monkeypox | Poxvirus | CDC](#)
 - [Information for Healthcare Providers on Obtaining and Using TPOXX \(Tecovirimat\) for Treatment of Monkeypox | Monkeypox | Poxvirus | CDC](#)
 - [Monitoring People Who Have Been Exposed | Monkeypox | Poxvirus | CDC](#)
- [Monkeypox \(ca.gov\)](#)
- Food & Drug Administration Jynneos [Prescriber Information](#)
[New York City Health Monkeypox Treatment Guidance](#)