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Monkeypox Vaccine Distribution from Cleveland Department of Public Health

On August 23, 2022, The Cleveland Department of Public Health began distributing the JYNNEOS monkeypox vaccine. Approximately 75 doses were given out. The next clinic will take place on Friday 8/26/2022 from 3-9pm at 1313 E. 26th Street in Cleveland. Vaccines are free and confidential. No pre-registration or appointment is necessary.

Due to a limited supply of vaccine available, individuals must be 18+ years of age and also fall into one of the following categories in order to be eligible:

- Having unprotected contact between a person's skin or mucous membranes and the skin, lesions, or bodily fluids from a patient or contaminated materials (e.g., linens, clothing)
- Individuals with attendance at events/venues linked to known monkeypox transmission
- Any individual who has or is likely to have prolonged intimate contact that would put them at higher risk of being exposed to monkeypox virus
- Have not previously been diagnosed with monkeypox or do not currently have signs/symptoms of monkeypox.
 - Individuals who currently or previously were sick with monkeypox are not eligible because vaccination given after the onset of signs/symptoms of monkeypox is not expected to provide benefit.

People who get vaccinated should continue to take steps to protect themselves from infection by avoiding close, skin-to-skin contact, including intimate contact, with someone who has monkeypox. Fully vaccinated individuals are still recommended to protect themselves against monkeypox and to isolate at home

Based on the limited supply received, we are committed to vaccinating as many people as possible to prevent disease. As more vaccine is allocated to Cleveland, we will be setting up more clinics to make it available to a larger group of at-risk persons, as identified above. Please visit our website <http://www.clevelandhealth.org> for information on monkeypox, announcement for upcoming vaccine clinics, FAQ's and to stay up to date on the current # of cases. Anyone with concerns or symptoms should talk to their healthcare provider.

In collaboration with County Executive Armond Budish, and the Cuyahoga County Board of Health, CDPH will be participating in a virtual press briefing today, 8/24/22 at 2pm to provide information on new county initiatives and updates on COVID-19 and monkeypox. Media are invited to listen (via <https://youtu.be/2plDsmZiRE0>) and share the following Facebook and YouTube links on their social media platforms and websites.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2plDsmZiRE0>
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