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## Update on MPX Response as of September 6, 2022

### UPDATES SINCE 8.12.22

#### Availability of 2<sup>nd</sup> doses of Jynneos vaccine

**SF vaccine sites will move forward with providing the second dose of the Jynneos vaccine to people who are at least 28 days from receiving their first dose. In San Francisco, this will begin on Tuesday, September 6.** This is in alignment with other Bay Area counties, some of whom began second doses last week. We encourage those who are eligible to contact their healthcare provider for their second dose, regardless of where they received their first dose. At this time, there are multiple health systems and clinics that have vaccine appointments available. Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital (ZSFG) vaccine clinic at 1001 Potrero Avenue, building 30 has a limited number of second doses available by walk-in from Tuesday, September 6 through Friday, September 9 from 8 am to 4 pm, or until the daily supply of second doses is exhausted. First dose walk-ins will remain available and prioritized at this clinic.

**Since vaccine supply remains limited,** all healthcare providers will dedicate a percentage of vaccines for first doses. This, unfortunately, means that someone may be eligible for a second vaccine but unable to receive it immediately due to limited supply.

#### Vaccine eligibility expansion

Beginning Tuesday, September 6, SFDPH, community health partners, and health providers will **expand eligibility for Jynneos vaccine to all gay or bisexual men, or any man or trans person who has sex with men or trans people.**

#### Visit from Senator Padilla Visit to ZSFG Clinic

**On August 25th, US Senator Alex Padilla visited the vaccination clinic at ZSFG that is administering MPX vaccine** to demonstrate his support to continue advocacy for more doses and equitable access to vaccines.

#### MPX, not monkeypox

**We will now be referring to the “monkeypox” virus as MPX (pronounced “em-pox”).** This name change reflects our values to provide affirmative care and avoid stigma and aligns with CDPH. Like any infectious disease, MPX can occur anywhere in the world and afflict anyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or country of origin. Moving forward, our public health communications will use “MPX” and we will continue to monitor and receive feedback from communities most affected by the social impacts of the virus.

## MPX RESPONSE IN SAN FRANCISCO

As of 5 p.m. on September 2nd, San Francisco has identified [740 cases of MPX](#) and anticipates more cases will occur. As the outbreak continues, the demand for vaccine is high and needed to stop community spread.

San Francisco has been working diligently to promote and support testing, treatment, and vaccination. SFDPH is requesting and receiving vaccine allocations from the state and distributing to community clinics, health systems, and other locations where they are needed. Additionally, the department is also reaching out to communities to raise awareness about MPX and the city's response, and ensure clinicians remain well informed about prevention, testing, treatment and management of MPX as the situation develops.

For more information, please visit <https://sf.gov/information/monkeypox>.

## BACKGROUND ON MPX

- MPX appears as a distinctive rash or sores on the skin anywhere on the body, including in the genital area. It often begins as flu-like symptoms. Rashes can look like blisters or pimples.
- It is currently understood that MPX can spread through activities that include intimate sexual contact, kissing, breathing at very close range, or sharing bedding and clothing.
- The risk to the general population from this virus is believed to be low as this is not a disease that spreads easily through the air like COVID-19.
- MPX is not a new disease, but this is the first time it has spread in so many countries at once. SF reported its first case of MPX on June 3 and cases have continued to increase.
- While most cases resolve on their own, MPX can be serious in rare cases and we want to prevent further spread to more people.
- Vaccines are the best way we can protect people and stop the virus. There are other ways people can protect themselves too.
- SFDPH is working diligently to secure supplies of MPX (Jynneos) vaccines through federal supplies. Vaccines are currently very limited.
- We are continuing to petition the state and federal government for more vaccines, and as supplies increase we will expand eligibility to more people and to additional sites.

## VACCINATIONS

According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Jynneos vaccine is indicated for prevention of smallpox and MPX disease in adults. However, since no vaccine is 100 percent effective, it is important for individuals to reduce their risk of potential exposures to MPX both before and after being vaccinated. The goal is for everyone who wants a vaccine to receive a vaccine. For more information on MPX vaccines in San Francisco, please visit [this website](#).

## Vaccine sites and administration for the weeks of August 22-September 2

There are various clinics and healthcare providers in SF that are now administering vaccines for MPX, including UCSF, Kaiser, Sutter, and SFDPH. The walk-in clinic at ZSFG continues to remain open weekdays from 8am-4pm. Medical providers Kaiser, UCSF, and Sutter will be providing doses via appointments. Kaiser and UCSF will serve patients and non-patients. DPH is working with local community-based organizations to provide vaccine to those that may not have access to the walk-in clinic or healthcare providers.



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**As of September 1, over 26,085 first doses and 593 second doses totaling 26,678 were administered in San Francisco.** Below are numbers of doses administered at the **walk in MPX vaccine clinic at ZSFG** from Aug 12-Sept 2 and every walk-in person received a vaccine.

Date	Approximate Number of Doses Administered at ZSFG walk in clinic
Friday, August 12	678
Saturday, August 13	822
Monday, August 15	532
Tuesday, August 16	478
Wednesday, August 17	574
Thursday, August 18	350
Friday, August 19	394
Monday, August 22	468
Tuesday, August 23	327
Wednesday, August 24	266
Thursday, August 25	207
Friday, August 26	267
Sunday, August 28	238
Monday, August 29	119
Tuesday, August 30	122
Wednesday, August 31	107
Thursday, September 1	101
Friday, September 2	189

**Availability for 2<sup>nd</sup> doses**

In alignment with other Bay Area counties, SF vaccine sites will move forward with providing the second dose of the Jynneos vaccine to people who are at least 28 days from receiving their first dose. In San Francisco, this will begin on Tuesday, September 6. This is in alignment with other Bay Area counties. All healthcare providers will continue to administer first doses and make a percentage of vaccines dedicated for first doses.

As supply dictates, first and second doses of MPX vaccine are available by appointment at healthcare providers and clinics throughout the city, including Kaiser Permanente and UCSF. **People should seek the second dose from their usual health care provider, regardless of where their initial dose was obtained.** Medical providers Kaiser and UCSF will be providing doses via appointments and will serve both non-patients and patients.

The walk-in vaccination clinic is located at ZSFG is currently open and no appointment is needed for first doses. **On Tuesday, September 6 the clinic at ZSFG will continue to serve first doses walk ins and will begin administering second doses by appointments to San Francisco Health Network patients and, as supply dictates, for a limited number of walk-ins in the future.** DPH is working with local community-

based organizations to provide the vaccine to those who may not have access to the walk-in clinic or a healthcare provider.

**Since vaccine supply remains limited, second doses will largely be appointment based, and may be limited for the next several weeks.** This, unfortunately, means that someone may be eligible for a vaccine but unable to receive it immediately due to limited supply. We will provide the community with updates as the situation develops.

**Vaccine eligibility expansion**

Beginning Tuesday, September 6, SFPDPH, community health partners and health providers will **expand eligibility for Jynneos vaccine to all gay, bisexual, trans people, and men or trans people who have sex with men or trans people.** Also included in the eligible population are sex workers of any sexual orientation/gender. We are also prioritizing equitable access for those communities experiencing higher infection rates as this is our best chance of halting the spread of this disease.

**Equity for Vaccine Access**

A guiding principle of this work will be bringing vaccine to people who are not able to easily access traditional settings. We are working with community partners to continue to implement a strategy that can reach populations with high risk of infection with structural barriers to accessing vaccine.

The San Francisco Department of Public Health has a multi-prong community strategy for vaccinating those communities that are highly impacted by monkeypox and may have barriers to healthcare. This strategy includes:

- Community events – partnering with trusted community partners at various events to reach those communities most highly at risk.
- Pop vaccination sites – having current COVID-19 community pop up sites administer MPX vaccine in high impacted communities.
- Roving vax teams – leveraging existing roving COVID-19 vaccination teams to distribute the vaccine to unhoused populations, including street, SRO and shelter populations.
- Mobile vaccine teams – deploy teams to high impacted communities with hard-to-reach populations for one-day events to provide access to vaccine.
- SFPDPH and MPX vaccine clinic at ZSFG worked with the below community-based organizations to set up “VIP” vaccine access for BIPOC individuals daily Monday through Friday.

Funded CBOs/ Gov't Agencies	Community Served
AGUILAS	Latino MSM (both Spanish and Portuguese speaking)
Alliance Health Project	LGBTQ
El/La Para TransLatinas	Trans Latina Women
Homeless Youth Alliance	Unhoused Youth
Instituto Familiar de la Raza	MSM and Trans program
Mission Neighborhood Health Center	Latino MSM
SF AIDS Foundation El Grupo	MSM, Trans men, BIPOC
SF Community Health Center	Men who have sex with men (MSM), Trans women of color
St. James Infirmary	Sex workers



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**Vaccine allotment and supply for the weeks of August 22-September 2**

**On August 19, federal and state authorities informed SFDPH that SF was allotted 1,600 vials of Jynneos vaccine from the State via the federal supply.** All clinics in SF switched to intradermal injections of vaccines as required by CDPH to receive this allotment. This allows for approximately 8,000 doses. **In the last week of August, we received an additional allotment of 13,000 vials.** An additional allotment of Jynneos vaccine to SF is expected to be made available in September, enabling partners to continue vaccinating during this month. We will continue to keep community updated on additional allocations of vaccines. As of Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>, SF has received 32,240 doses total.

**Intradermal dosing**

With monkeypox vaccines still in short supply, SFDPH clinics have moved to an alternative technique of giving doses. The technique, known as “**intradermal**,” injects the vaccine between the top layers of skin. Giving intradermal vaccinations is a safe and effective way to manage limited vaccine supplies so that more people can be vaccinated and is approved by federal and state regulators.

The intradermal technique uses less vaccine with each dose and makes as strong a response as the subcutaneous technique of injecting below the skin. **SFDPH has instructed vaccination providers to begin using the intradermal method on adults effective August 22, 2022.** The vaccine clinic at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and public health-operated clinics across the city will be using the intradermal method.

**CASES**

SFDPH updates [data on MPX cases](https://sf.gov/information/monkeypox-cases) **daily** Monday through Friday no later than 5pm at: <https://sf.gov/information/monkeypox-cases>.

At 5pm on September 5, SFDPH reported total number of cases in San Francisco residents to 740. These include both probable cases, as well as cases that are confirmed as MPX through the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. SFDPH posts case demographic data on the website each Friday by 5pm.

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH from August 15-Sept 2**

Below is list of media and outreach events for this week. Please [visit this website for frequently asked questions on MPX](#).

**Community MPX Vaccine Strategy**

- Active collaboration with MPX and COVID Teams began to prepare and plan for coordinating pop-up vaccine sites to reach high priority populations guided by the data on MPX cases by Race and Ethnicity.
- A Vaccine Event Request Form has been developed to share with established community partners who wish to host pop-up vaccine events.
- A list of events for September has been created in anticipation of Folsom Street Fair (9/25) where more than 100,000 people are expected to attend. There are a few events throughout the month leading up to the large event on 9/25. SFDPH shared the Vaccine Event Request Form to the organizers of these events (Leather & LGBT Cultural District, Folsom Street Fair Organizers, and more) so that we can begin prep and coordination.

**Presentations/Technical Assistance and Events**

- Flyer and poster distribution of education materials distributed to:
  - SOMA – Sunday Streets (8/26) – 25 flyers
- Presentations:
  - HIV Community Planning Council
  - Instituto Familiar de la Raza
  - HOT Case Managers
  - HOT Outreach Team
  - SFAF Townhall
  - Larkin Street Youth Services
  - City College of San Francisco, Queer Resource Center
- DPH distributed weekly newsletters issue #5-7

**Paid Media**

- Placed **“Let's Work Together to Stop MPX” 30 second PSAs** representing AA/Black, Latino/Latina/Trans Gender Women/AP&I/White Male (Spanish and English) on TikTok, Facebook, Twitter, Spotify and Comcast
- Placed **“Let's Work together to Stop MPX”** ads on buses
- Translated **“Let’s Work Together to Stop MPX”** poster into 3 additional languages
- Daily social media updates regarding the ZSFG vaccine walk-in clinic
- Spotify digital advertisement campaign has reached over 12,000 unique listeners in San Francisco

**Hosted DPH/Community MPX Weekly Huddle “Let Work Together to Stop MPX”**

The SFDPH MPX Community Engagement and Outreach Team continues to hold its weekly, online community huddle to strengthen and support efforts stop the spread of MPX. The next one will be held on Friday, September 9, 2022.

**Key Outreach Metrics to Date**

<b>Outreach</b>	<b>Total Number Distributed</b>
Emails	6,600+
Flyers	3,885
Presentations	43