



# Department of Public Health

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## **For Immediate Release**

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## **Monkeypox Vaccine Clinics Being Planned in Monroe County**

The Monroe County Department of Public Health anticipates receiving 600 first doses of the monkeypox vaccine later this week. We are in the process of setting up vaccination clinics to administer the vaccine as early as Monday, July 25, 2022. As soon as all logistics are in place and we have received the vaccine, we will notify the local media and activate a scheduling link on [www.MonroeCounty.gov](http://www.MonroeCounty.gov).

### **VACCINE ELIGIBILITY**

At this time, the following individuals will be eligible to schedule an appointment when they become available:

- You are a gay or bisexual male, a man who has sex with men, and/or transgender, gender non-conforming, or gender non-binary AND,
- Age 18 or older AND,
- Have had multiple or anonymous sex partners in the last 14 days.

If eligible based on the above criteria, the following individuals are strongly encouraged to consider vaccination:

- Your partners are showing symptoms of monkeypox, such as a rash or sores.
- You met recent partners through online applications or social media platforms (such as Grindr, Tinder or Scruff), or at clubs, raves, sex parties, saunas or other large gatherings.
- You have a condition that may increase your risk for severe disease if infected with monkeypox virus, such as HIV or another condition that weakens your immune system, or you have a history of atopic dermatitis or eczema.

### **PEOPLE WITH MONKEYPOX**

Vaccination is not recommended for people who have been diagnosed with monkeypox. These individuals will NOT be eligible to make an appointment.

### **CLOSE CONTACTS OF PEOPLE WITH MONKEYPOX**

If the Department of Public Health has notified you because you are close contact with someone who has a monkeypox infection, we will automatically provide you an opportunity to be vaccinated. You will not need to schedule an appointment online.

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