

Monkeypox Virus (MPV) UPDATE



Monkeypox in Washington

- In May DOH established an MPV readiness team and in late July, we stood up a MPV response team to ensure we have a strong and coordinated response to addressing MPV.
- On Friday, August 12, Governor Inslee issued a [directive](#) to DOH regarding the MPV response, and we have begun implementation of the nine items outlined.
- As of August 17, 2022, there are 319 confirmed cases of MPV in thirteen counties. The majority of cases are in King County. Case counts include seven non-Washington residents.
- The risk to the general public is low. However, anyone who has close skin-to-skin contact with a person with an infectious rash can get MPV.
- The LGBTQ+ community has been disproportionately impacted by this virus, but this is a human disease, it is not exclusive to any community.
- In addition to direct contact, MPV can be transmitted by contact with virus-contaminated bedding or clothing, or respiratory droplets during prolonged face-to-face contact.
- DOH is working with trusted community partners to listen, learn, and collaborate with them on MPV.
- As part of those collaborative efforts, DOH is creating communications tools such as social media information campaigns and informational toolkits for communities at greatest risk for MPV
- Washington's new MPV hotline has received 56 calls in the first four days of operation.

Vaccines in Washington

- DOH is ordering the remainder of Washington's Phase 3 allocation, which is 2,400 vials of JYNNEOS vaccine.
- Through Phase 3A, Washington has received more than 13,800 vials of JYNNEOS vaccine.
- Thanks to an emergency use authorization from the FDA, health providers are now giving an intradermal injection of the JYNNEOS vaccine, which uses a smaller dose. This is increasing the number of doses available, now up to 5 per vial.
- However, our health partners are reporting they are typically able to draw 3 or 4 intradermal doses per vial. In addition, some people still need a subcutaneous vaccination, which requires a full vial, due to their health status.
- The EUA also allows for the vaccine to be given to children younger than 18.
- Even so, the vaccine remains in limited supply, and is being prioritized for those at highest risk for getting MPV.

What you can share with the community to stay safe

- If you have an unexplained rash, cover it, avoid skin-to-skin contact with others, avoid sharing items with others, and see a health care provider.
- If you've been exposed to someone with MPV, contact a health provider or your local health jurisdiction to discuss whether you are eligible for vaccination.
- Show compassion and support for individuals and communities most closely impacted and anyone who might be sick.
- Have questions? Call our new MPV hotline at 1-833-829-HELP.

Cases in WA
(as of 8/17/22)

319

**Counties with
Cases**

13

Cases in U.S
(as of 8/16/22)

12,689

MPV Hotline

1-833-829-HELP or
1-800-525-0127
Press # after the prompt
Assistance available
in 240 languages

Information

doh.wa.gov/you-and-your-family/illness-and-disease-z/monkeypox

Questions?

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