

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.
- DOH has been working with trusted community partners to listen, learn, and collaborate with them on MPV.
- As of August 11, 2022, there are 254 confirmed cases of MPV in twelve counties. The majority of cases are in King County. Case counts include three 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.

Vaccines in Washington

- The JYNNEOS vaccine can be used to prevent MPV infection.
- The vaccine is in limited supply, and prioritized for those at highest risk for getting MPV.
- Earlier this week the FDA issued an emergency use authorization for a different injection method that will increase the doses available per vial. DOH is working with our clinical partners to switch to this method.

Doses Allocated	Doses Ordered	Doses Available to Order	% Ordered
14,130	13,810	320	98%

- DOH has ordered 98% of available doses. The remaining doses are on reserve to allow quick support for a county or tribal partner with new cases.
- Washington can order the next round of vaccines on August 15.

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 8/11/22)

254

Counties with Cases

12

Cases in U.S
(as of 8/11/22)

10,392

MPV Hotline

1-833-829-HELP or
1-800-525-0127
press # after the prompt
Language assistance
available in 240 languages

Information

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

Questions?

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