

MONKEYPOX (JYNNEOS) VACCINATION CRITERIA

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Per guidance from the Washington State Department of Health, Kitsap Public Health District is prioritizing monkeypox (JYNNEOS) vaccination for Kitsap County residents in the following two groups:

1. Close contacts of monkeypox cases

- a. Known contacts who are identified by public health via case investigation, contact tracing, and risk exposure assessments.
 - i. Persons who report high-risk exposure to a person with diagnosed monkeypox (MPV) infection are considered known contacts. This will include people who had sexual contact with a person with MPV or significant skin-to-skin or mucous membrane contact with a person with MPV.
 - ii. Persons who report exposure to a person identified as exposed to diagnosed MPV infection (second level contact).
- b. Presumed contacts who may meet the following criteria:
 - i. Know that a sex partner in the past 14 days was diagnosed with MPV.
 - ii. Had multiple sex partners in the past 14 days in a jurisdiction with known MPV.
 - iii. Persons who know that a sex partner or close social contact was exposed to a person diagnosed with MPV.

2. People with any of the following risk factors:

- a. Gay and bisexual men and transgender individuals who have had multiple or anonymous gay, male bisexual, or transgender sex partners in the last 6 months.
- b. People who have used methamphetamine in the last 6 months.
- c. People who have exchanged sex for money, drugs, or other purposes in the last 6 months.
- d. People who have been sexually assaulted, regardless of gender or sexual orientation.
- e. People who have had sexual contact or prolonged skin-to-skin exposure with people who were exposed to MPV.
- f. A new diagnosis in the last 12 months of one or more nationally reportable sexually transmitted diseases (i.e., acute HIV, chancroid, chlamydia, gonorrhea, or syphilis).

For more information, see the Washington State Department of Health's [Guidelines for JYNNEOS Vaccine Use](#).