MONKEYPOX VACCINE INFORMATION

THE JYNNEOS VACCINE IS FDA APPROVED TO PREVENT MONKEYPOX INFECTION

- The JYNNEOS vaccine requires two doses administered 28 days apart for maximum effectiveness. People who get vaccinated should continue to protect themselves from infection by avoiding close, skin-to-skin contact, including intimate contact, with someone who has monkeypox.

- Getting vaccinated against monkeypox is the most effective way to prevent monkeypox infection after exposure. According to the CDC, receiving the vaccine within four days of exposure provides the best chance of preventing monkeypox infection. Receiving the vaccine within 14 days after exposure may reduce symptoms but may not prevent infection. When paired with isolation and prevention measures, the JYNNEOS vaccine is crucial for preventing further transmission of the monkeypox virus.

VACCINES ARE AVAILABLE TO THOSE WHO LIVE OR WORK IN MASSACHUSETTS AND MEET THE CDC’S CRITERIA THAT PRIORITIZE THOSE MOST AT RISK OF EXPOSURE

The following individuals are eligible:

- Known contacts of individuals with monkeypox, as identified by public health officials via case investigation, contact tracing, and risk exposure assessments (this may include sexual partners, household contacts, and healthcare workers); as well as

- Presumed contacts who meet the following criteria

- You know that a sexual partner in the past 14 days was diagnosed with monkeypox; OR

- You have had multiple sexual partners in the past 14 days in a city with known monkeypox.

THE MONKEYPOX VACCINE IS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY AT FIVE LOCATIONS IN BOSTON

- Fenway Health: Appointments can be made by calling 617-927-6060, Monday through Friday between 9 AM and 5 PM.
- Massachusetts General Hospital Sexual Health Clinic: Appointments can be made by calling 617-726-2748, Monday through Friday between 8 AM and 4:30 PM.
- Codman Square Health Clinic - X-Clinic: Appointments can be made by calling 617-822-8350 or visiting their website.
- Boston Medical Center: Appointments can be made by calling 617-414-2803, Monday through Friday between 9 AM and 5 PM.
- East Boston Neighborhood Health Center: Appointments can be made by calling 617-568-4500 Monday through Friday between 8 AM and 5 PM. Vaccine appointments are also available on Saturdays from 10 AM to 2 PM.

Eligibility will expand as more vaccines become available, and more vaccine locations may be added. For the most up-to-date information, visit boston.gov/monkeypox or mass.gov/monkeypoxvaccine.

Monkeypox cases are rising in Boston and the rest of the United States. It’s important that Boston residents who are eligible for monkeypox vaccination, get vaccinated to keep our community safe.

For more information on:

- What monkeypox is
- How it spreads
- How you can protect yourself and those around you

Visit the Boston Public Health Commission's website

boston.gov/monkeypox