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Dear Massachusetts Health Care Provider:

During the week of June 27, 2022, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health received notice from the CDC that Massachusetts is one of the ten U.S. jurisdictions eligible to receive an initial allocation of JYNNEOS vaccine. MDPH submitted an order for Massachusetts' full allocation of 2,004 doses, and four health care providers have received vaccine doses for administration beginning July 6, 2022.

Due to extremely limited national availability of vaccine, the JYNNEOS vaccine in Massachusetts remains very limited at this time. Vaccination will be available to individuals who meet the CDC's eligibility criteria **and** who live or work in Massachusetts. Vaccine will be prioritized for individuals at greatest risk of exposure to someone with monkeypox.

The JYNNEOS vaccine requires two doses administered 28 days apart for maximum effectiveness. The current doses being allocated are for first dose administration, so **providers are encouraged to vaccinate as many eligible individuals as possible with this initial allocation.**

Per CDC guidance, this allocation of vaccine is to be used for standard post-exposure prophylaxis which requires administration of JYNNEOS either within 4 days of a known exposure to monkeypox to reduce likelihood of infection, or between 4- and 14-days post-exposure to reduce severity of symptoms. Individuals receiving vaccine will still need to self-monitor for symptoms and prepare to isolate and contact their healthcare provider if they become ill.

Individuals eligible for vaccination in accordance with CDC's eligibility criteria are:

- Known contacts of monkeypox cases identified by public health 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:
  - Know that a sexual partner in the past 14 days was diagnosed with monkeypox; or
  - Had multiple sexual partners in the past 14 days in a jurisdiction with known monkeypox.

**Administration of JYNNEOS will be by appointment only at one of the designated locations below**, with healthcare providers responsible for performing risk and exposure assessment prior to referring a patient for vaccination. Once a provider confirms vaccine eligibility, patients can make their own appointment, noting their provider determined that they are eligible for JYNNEOS.

**Fenway Health (Boston)** Appointments can be made by calling 617-927-6060 Monday through Friday between 9 AM and 5 PM.

**Massachusetts General Hospital Sexual Health Clinic (Boston)** Appointments can be made by calling 617-726-2748 Monday through Friday between 9 AM and 5 PM.

**Boston Medical Center Infectious Disease Clinic (Boston)** Appointments can be made by calling 617-414-4290 Monday through Friday between 9 AM and 5 PM.

**Outer Cape Cod Health Services (Provincetown)** Appointments can be made by calling 508-905-2888 Monday through Friday between 8 AM and 5 PM.

For more information: [www.mass.gov/monkeypoxvaccine](http://www.mass.gov/monkeypoxvaccine). Providers with questions may call the DPH Epidemiology line: (617) 983-6800.

Thank you for your assistance with this vaccination effort.

Sincerely,

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health