



IMPORTANT UPDATES REGARDING MONKEYPOX RESOURCES SEPTEMBER 16, 2022

Dear Participating Provider:

MedStar Family Choice would like to ensure you are equipped with the most recent Maryland Department of Health (MDH) communications around Monkeypox (MPX) resources.

The US Food and Drug Administration approved the JYNNEOS vaccine for protection against the MPX virus for those who have been exposed or are more likely to be exposed to MPX. Currently, the MPX vaccination is not recommended for the general public at this time.

Marylanders who either self-identify as someone who has had a close contact with someone with MPX or impacted community members with possible MPX exposures in the prior two (2) weeks are recommended to take advantage of the Pre-Registration System created by MDH.

The MDH Pre-Registration System for any self-identified Marylander will allow pre-registrants to be notified when a Monkeypox vaccine opportunity becomes available.

For any MFC member in your care that expresses concerns around Monkeypox exposure, please be sure to share this link so they can pre-register:
<https://health.maryland.gov/phpa/OIDEOR/Pages/mpx-vax-preregistration.aspx>.

MDH and local health departments are working to provide equitable access to MPX vaccinations. Maryland has 14,539 vials of MPX vaccines to date. People who have symptoms of MPX should contact their healthcare provider even if they do not believe they have been exposed to someone who has MPX. Those without a healthcare provider or health insurance can visit the MDH website to find a local health department:
<https://health.maryland.gov/phpa/OIDPCS/CSTIP/Pages/LHDs.aspx>.

MDH has created a Monkeypox specific website for all Marylanders to get the most recent updates around this virus:
<https://health.maryland.gov/phpa/OIDEOR/Pages/monkeypox.aspx>

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