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## Health Advisory

Mpox Awareness

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This is an advisory to remind Healthcare providers to remain diligent in [mpox](#) prevention, recognition, and testing, especially during the upcoming 2023 spring and summer season as people gather for festivals and events, including [LGBTQ+ Pride Month](#) in June.

### Vaccination:

When combined with other [prevention](#) measures, [vaccination](#) is the most effective way to reduce transmission of mpox virus and prevent disease hospitalization, and death. For the most effective protection, people should get 2 doses of [JYNNEOS](#) at least 28 days apart. Even if it is beyond the 28-day interval, CDC recommends administration of the second dose as soon as possible. Boosters are not recommended at this time. Encourage all patients at [risk for mpox exposure](#), infection, or severe disease to complete the two-dose JYNNEOS series. Any person requesting vaccination should receive it without having to attest to or disclose specific behaviors.

The following resources can be used if referring patients to schedule a JYNNEOS vaccine: [CDPH vaccine webpage](#), [MyTurn Appointment Booker](#), and the [City of Berkeley](#). Other vaccine opportunities in Alameda County can be found [here](#).

### Mpox Identification and Testing:

We encourage you to maintain a high-level of suspicion and a low threshold when testing individuals with signs and symptoms concerning for mpox. [Testing](#) and [isolation](#) can limit the spread of mpox infection.

Consider mpox for patients presenting with diffuse or localized rashes, including in patients who were previously infected with mpox or vaccinated against mpox. For more information on identifying patients with mpox please see the April 4, 2023 [CDPH Health Advisory](#).

Sexually active adults and adolescents should also be screened for HIV and other [sexually transmitted infections](#), including syphilis, gonorrhea, and chlamydia.

Report cases to COBCD within 1 working day by submitting a completed [Confidential Morbidity Report](#) (CMR) by fax (510-981-5345) or secure email ([COBCD@berkeleyca.gov](mailto:COBCD@berkeleyca.gov))

### Resources:

[CDC mpox](#)

[CDPH Dear colleague letter](#)

[CDPH mpox webpage](#)

**Please distribute to all providers and staff in your practice**