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Winnebago County Health Department Offering Monkeypox Vaccine Appointments for Highest Risk Individuals

OSHKOSH, Wis. (August 25, 2022) – The Winnebago County Health Department is currently offering the JYNNEOS monkeypox vaccine, by appointment only, to individuals at the highest risk for infection. Prioritization is based on guidelines provided by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Vaccination is currently recommended for people who had known exposure to someone with monkeypox and people with certain risk factors who are more likely to be exposed to the virus. This includes:

- People who know that a sexual partner in the past 14 days was diagnosed with monkeypox.
- People who attended an event or venue where there was known monkeypox exposure.
- Gay men, bisexual men, trans men and women, any men who have sex with men, and gender non-conforming/non-binary individuals, who have had multiple sexual partners in the last 14 days.

To make an appointment or see if you qualify, contact the Winnebago County Health Department's hotline at 920-232-3026 or email wchd.cd@winnebago.wi.gov.

"Timing matters for anyone seeking the vaccine after exposure to monkeypox," said Doug Gieryn, Winnebago County Health Department Health Officer/Director. "The vaccine is generally more effective the sooner you get it after an exposure, so please do not hesitate to reach out and schedule an appointment."

To help prevent the onset of disease, JYNNEOS should be administered within four days from the date of exposure to the monkeypox virus. If the vaccine is administered between four to 14 days after the date of exposure, getting vaccinated may help reduce the severity of symptoms associated with monkeypox infection.

Monkeypox does not spread easily to others, and the risk of monkeypox spreading widely throughout our community remains low. To date, two cases have been reported in Winnebago County residents. Most people with monkeypox report having prolonged close contact, including kissing, hugging or sexual activity, with someone else who has monkeypox. Monkeypox can also spread through respiratory droplets and by having contact with items that have been contaminated with the fluids or sores of a person with monkeypox. While most cases nationwide are occurring in the sexual network of gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men, it is important to know that monkeypox can affect anyone and a person's sexuality or sexual orientation are not the route of transmission. Learn the [signs and symptoms of monkeypox](#) and contact a healthcare provider or the health department if you develop a new or unexplained rash.

For more information, call the Winnebago County Health Department at 920-232-3000 or visit www.winnebago.wi.gov/publichealth.

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