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Greene County Public Health To Offer Monkeypox Vaccine To At-Risk Groups

XENIA, OHIO – Greene County Public Health is providing Monkeypox vaccinations to Ohio residents who are most at-risk of contracting Monkeypox.

Due to the limited number of doses of the [Jynneos vaccine](#) available nationwide, the Ohio Department of Health is providing a limited amount of vaccine to individual counties across the state for their use.

Vaccination Eligibility

Greene County Public Health is currently focusing on vaccinating those Ohio residents 18 years of age or older, at highest risk of getting monkeypox, including those who fall into the following categories:

1. MSM, transgender, or gender non-conforming who...
 - a) Are HIV+ or had an STI in last 12 months
 - b) Have had multiple anonymous sexual partners in the last 2 weeks
 - c) Attended a sex party or bathhouse in last 2 weeks
2. Anyone who exchanges sex for money, goods, or services

Monkeypox Vaccination Screening Form

If an individual is part of the above categories, they can fill out the form on our website at <https://www.gcph.info/wellness-services/communicable-disease/monkeypox/monkeypox-what-to-know>. As vaccine continues to become available, individuals will be contacted by GCPH to schedule an appointment at our clinic, located at 360 Wilson Drive in Xenia.

Criteria for vaccination may change as vaccine supply increases.

Close Contacts of Cases

In addition to the above outlined risk-based vaccination effort, close contacts of individuals with monkeypox will be notified by GCPH and monitored for symptoms. Some close contacts may be eligible for vaccination to help prevent monkeypox or decrease symptoms, this supply of vaccine is in addition to what is available for the at-risk vaccination program.

About Monkeypox

Monkeypox is a viral illness that typically begins with flu-like symptoms and swelling of the lymph nodes and

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progresses to a rash. Cases recently identified across the country appear less likely to have the initial symptoms of flu-like illness or lymph node swelling and the rash, which may look like pimples or blisters, may also stay contained to a particular part of the body.

Monkeypox spreads in different ways. The virus can spread from person-to-person through direct contact with the infectious rash, scabs, or body fluids. It also can be spread by respiratory secretions during prolonged, face-to-face contact, or during intimate physical contact, such as kissing, cuddling, or sex. In addition, pregnant people can spread the virus to their fetus through the placenta.

Touching items (such as clothing or linens) that previously touched the infectious rash or body fluids is another way monkeypox spreads. It is also possible for people to get monkeypox from infected animals, either by being scratched or bitten by the animal or by eating meat or using products from an infected animal.

People who do not have monkeypox symptoms cannot spread the virus to others and the risk to the public is low at this time.

Monkeypox can spread from the time symptoms start until the rash has fully healed and a fresh layer of skin has formed. The illness typically lasts 2-4 weeks. In some cases, a medication may be available to treat those who have contracted monkeypox.

Learn more and complete the vaccine screening questionnaire on our website at <https://www.gcph.info/wellness-services/communicable-disease/monkeypox/monkeypox-what-to-know>.

You can also learn more information about monkeypox here: [visit the CDC's website](#).

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