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DOH reports four additional monkeypox cases in Hawai'i

HONOLULU – The Hawai'i Department of Health (DOH) is reporting four additional cases of monkeypox.

“With nearly 16,000 monkeypox cases reported in the United States, it’s expected that we will see more cases in Hawai’i,” said Deputy State Epidemiologist Dr. Nathan Tan. “We continue to work to conduct contact tracing and follow-up with all cases. We encourage all eligible individuals to get vaccinated to stop the spread of monkeypox and protect our community.”

Cases in Hawaii

DOH has identified four additional cases of monkeypox:

- A Hawai'i Island resident whose case is related to community exposure
- An O'ahu resident whose case remains under investigation
- An O'ahu resident whose case remains under investigation
- A Maui resident whose case remains under investigation

This brings the total number of cases reported in Hawai'i since June 3 to 22. DOH continues to conduct contact tracing and follow-up with all reported cases.

Vaccination

The JYNNEOS vaccine is available statewide to Hawai'i residents 18 and older. Vaccination eligibility includes:

- Close contact in the last 14 days with a person with known or suspected monkeypox infection;
- Gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men and transgender individuals who have multiple or anonymous sex partners;

- Persons with severe immune compromise (e.g., advanced or poorly controlled HIV infection, active cancer treatment, high-dose steroids) or certain skin conditions, such as eczema; AND who have a household member or sex partner at high risk for monkeypox.

DOH and healthcare providers in each county who directly reach individuals at higher risk of monkeypox exposure continue to vaccinate eligible individuals. Individuals eligible for vaccination can make an appointment by contacting:

Provider/Organization	Area Served
Hawai'i Department of Health Phone: (808) 586-4462 Online: health.hawaii.gov/docd/mpxvax <i>Kaua'i residents can also call (808) 241-3495</i>	Statewide
Malama I Ke Ola Phone: (808) 871-7772	Maui
Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center Phone: (808) 427-0442	O'ahu (sites in Waianae and Kapolei)
Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center Phone: (808) 521-2437	O'ahu (site in Honolulu)

DOH has received approximately 4,400 doses of JYNNEOS and continues to order Hawai'i's full allocation from the federal government. Nearly 1,800 doses have been administered.

JYNNEOS is a two-dose series administered 28 days apart. Individuals eligible for a second dose are encouraged to make an appointment.

Transmission

The risk to most Hawai'i residents remains low. Monkeypox is mainly spread through close, intimate contact with body fluids, lesion material, or items used by someone with monkeypox. Monkeypox may be spread through large respiratory droplets. These droplets generally cannot travel more than a few feet, so prolonged contact is required.

Nationwide, the current cases are primarily spreading among social networks of gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men. In Hawai'i, at least some of the cases have been reported among gay or bisexual men. However, anyone who has close contact with someone with monkeypox is at risk of infection, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

Testing & Treatment

Individuals with monkeypox symptoms, including flu-like symptoms, swollen lymph nodes, or new or unexplained rash or sores, should immediately contact their healthcare provider. Testing and treatment are available through healthcare providers.

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