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# DOH reports two additional monkeypox cases

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

## Cases in Hawaii

DOH has identified one additional case of monkeypox:

- An O'ahu resident with a history of travel outside Hawai'i
- A Hawai'i Island resident whose case remains under investigation

This brings the total number of cases reported in Hawai'i since June 3 to 25, including three non-residents. DOH continues to conduct contact tracing and follow-up with all reported cases.

# **Vaccination**

The JYNNEOS vaccine is available statewide to Hawai'i residents. 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	Statewide
Phone: (808) 586-4462	
Online: <u>health.hawaii.gov/docd/mpxvax</u>	
Kaua'i residents can also call (808) 241-3495	
Malama I Ke Ola	Maui
Phone: (808) 871-7772	
Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health	Oʻahu (sites in Waianae and Kapolei)
Center	
Phone: (808) 427-0442	
Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center	Oʻahu (site in Honolulu)
Phone: (808) 521-2437	
Kaiser Permanente	Oʻahu (Mapunapuna Medical Office)
Phone: (808) 432-2000, prompt 1	
Hamakua-Kohala Health	Hawai'i Island
Phone: (808) 930-2751	
Malama Pono Health Services	Kaua'i
Phone: (808) 246-9577	

There are approximately 1,270 vials of JYNNEOS available in Hawai'i. Four to five doses of JYNNEOS can be administered from each vial. DOH continues to order Hawai'i's full allocation from the federal government. More than 2,000 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.

The current cases, both nationally and in Hawai'i, are primarily spreading among social networks of gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with 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.