New guidelines on monkeypox vaccine administration – updated Monkeypox Vaccine Provider Manual

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This communication is being sent to all key contacts at provider organizations administering JYNNEOS vaccine–please read this message in its entirety. Please feel free to share it with others in your organization who may benefit from the update.

Dear JYNNEOS Vaccine Providers,

Many thanks to our network of vaccine depots and community vaccine providers who are participating in expanded Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP++). We value your continued partnership.

UPDATES

• On August 9, 2022 the U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued an emergency use authorization (EUA) for the JYNNEOS vaccine to allow healthcare providers to use the vaccine by intradermal injection for individuals 18 years of age and older. This will increase the total number of doses available for use by up to five-fold. The EUA also allows for use of the vaccine in individuals younger than 18 years of age; in these individuals JYNNEOS is administered by subcutaneous injection.

• Attached please find the updated Monkeypox Vaccine Provider Manual.

• Based on yesterday’s survey results, most providers are ready with supplies and staffing to switch to intradermal (ID) administration of the vaccine. Please begin ID as soon as you are ready. Our expectation is to have most if not all providers administering ID by Tuesday, August 16th.

• Required supplies: a tuberculin syringe with a 27 gauge, 1/4 to 1/2” needle with a short bevel.

• We have a few providers who do not have the required syringes on-hand. Please let us know by emailing monkeypox@ct.gov if you have inventory that you would be willing to share with other providers in the short-term.

• If you do not have any syringes on-hand, we suggest you order immediately. We will work with you early next week to try to obtain supplies with the goal of having all providers administering ID by Tuesday, August 16th.

REMINDERS

• N/A

We appreciate your continued partnership and thank you for your patience.

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