

**August 17, 2022**

*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. Note that all our communications will be archived on our [web site](#).*

Dear JYNNEOS Vaccine Providers,

Many thanks to our network of vaccine depots and community vaccine providers. Please see important information below.

## UPDATES

- The CT Department of Public Health updated the *Monkeypox Provider Manual (8/16/2022)*, which includes vaccine administration, strategies to avoid vaccine wastage, and updates to the current eligibility criteria. The updated sections are clearly indicated in the manual; the manual will also be posted [here](#).
- On 8/12, CDC posted [Adults in the General Population JYNNEOS Smallpox and Monkeypox Vaccine Intradermal Vaccine Preparation and Administration Summary: ALTERNATIVE DOSING REGIMEN](#). This document is attached. However, we expect updates to be made to this document so please note the link. Specifically, we expect an update to acknowledge that other tuberculin syringe types are acceptable so long as they allow intradermal use.
- If you are unable to order syringes/needles for intradermal administration of JYNNEOS vaccine, please let us know by emailing [monkeypox@ct.gov](mailto:monkeypox@ct.gov).
- **Please begin reporting your inventory in CT WiZ in doses**, assuming you will obtain 5 doses per vial. We understand that it will not always be possible to extract 5 doses per vial, but for inventory purposes we will operate under this assumption.
- Ordering cadence: Please plan to submit new orders for JYNNEOS vaccines on **Thursdays by noon based on what you will need for the following week, starting next week (August 25)**. Ideally this would be done just following the physical inventorying of vaccines you have on hand which we have also asked be completed each Thursday (see reminders, below). You may place orders on other days if you will run out of vaccine, but we ask that you try to follow this schedule when possible.
- A data [dashboard](#) for monkeypox is now available, containing case and vaccination data.
- We are planning to host office hours next week for Monkeypox Vaccine Providers; date and time to be announced.

## REMINDERS

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention updated its [Considerations for Monkeypox Vaccination](#) on July 28.
  - The updated considerations provide additional information on exceptions to the two-dose schedule, interval clarifications, guidance for coadministration, and guidance for precautions and contraindications.
- A template for [JYNNEOS Standing Orders](#) has been released by CDC.
- A [Storage and Handling Summary](#) for JYNNEOS has also been posted.
  - This document affirms the manufacturer guidance regarding refrigerated storage for up to 8 weeks.
- Please make sure that you are updating your JYNNEOS vaccine inventory as you receive additional doses, and/or transfer them to community providers. In addition, **please plan to perform a manual count and update your physical JYNNEOS vaccine inventory at least once weekly each Thursday.** Your inventory must remain current and will be tied to how much vaccine you will receive in the future.
- Providers must administer vaccine regardless of the vaccine recipient's ability to pay the vaccine administration fee. Additionally, a patient should never be charged for the cost of vaccine received for free through a DPH program.
- Due to limited supply, a request for additional vaccine will be fulfilled based on available inventory. Providers should make requests for additional vaccine vials via email to [Monkeypox@ct.gov](mailto:Monkeypox@ct.gov).
  - Requests for vaccine should be based on the number of doses administered during the week, second dose appointments scheduled, and remaining supply on-hand.
  - A request is not a guarantee, CT DPH will make the final determination of how many vials to send to the community provider and will communicate the allotment to the provider.
- Please also make sure that vaccine doses administered to patients are being reported to CT WiZ within 48 hours.
- The provider manual contains direct links to directions for inventory management and reporting vaccine doses in the user interface (for clinics that do not have a direct connection through their electronic health record).
- Please make sure your clinic contact information is correct on our page: <https://portal.ct.gov/dph/epidemiology-and-emerging-infections/ct-monkeypox>.
- We have heard from other jurisdictions that the most common storage and handling error of JYNNEOS vaccine is refreezing. **Please remember that once JYNNEOS vaccine is thawed, it cannot be refrozen.** Specific recommendations are included in the provider manual.