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Subject: Monkeypox Vaccination Updates for Administering Providers

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 who began expanded Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) this week.

UPDATES

- 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.

REMINDERS

- 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 doses via email to DPH.Monkeypox@ct.gov.
 - Requests for doses 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 of doses, CT DPH will make the final determination of how many doses 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.

Thank you for all your ongoing work and support.

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