



Monkeypox Vaccine Provider Update

9/7/22

Updated Eligibility Language

Age language has been removed from the current eligibility criteria to conform with the ability of patients under 18 to be vaccinated under the JYNNEOS EUA. The provider manual has also been updated. The website language reads:

You are eligible to be vaccinated if you are residing, attending school, or stationed in Connecticut and meet one of the following:

- You had close personal contact in the past 14 days with a positive case of monkeypox (this may include sexual partners, household contacts, and healthcare workers); **OR**
- You meet the following criteria:
 - Know that a sexual partner in the past 14 days was diagnosed with monkeypox **OR**
 - Had multiple sexual partners in the past 14 days in a jurisdiction (e.g., city/state/country) with known monkeypox.

Suggested Screening Script for PEP++

1. Are you a resident of Connecticut, including as a student or trainee, or are you stationed in CT? Yes or No

If no, not eligible. If yes, still potentially eligible, go to #2.

2. Over the last 14 days, have you engaged in sexual activity with a partner who was diagnosed with monkeypox? Yes or No

If yes to #1 and #2, eligible for vaccine. Make appointment. If no, go to #3.

3. Over the last 14 days, have you engaged in sexual activity with more than one partner? Yes or No

If yes to #1 and #3, eligible for vaccine. Make appointment.


Patients who answer yes to 1 and 2 or 1 and 3 are eligible and an appointment should be made.

*[NOTE: while age 18 or older is not a criterion for eligibility, **if the person is under 18, they are only eligible for a subcutaneous regimen.]***

Information for Monkeypox Vaccine Providers

CT DPH created a monkeypox vaccine provider page to hold materials relevant for practices giving vaccine.

The current version of the vaccine provider manual and communications will be posted on this site in addition to being distributed through our usual channels.

The screenshot shows the official website of the Connecticut Department of Public Health. At the top is a blue navigation bar with the 'ct.gov' logo, the text 'Connecticut's Official State Website', a search bar, and a 'Language + Settings' button. Below this is a banner image of a smiling child with the text 'Connecticut State Department of Public Health'. A yellow news alert box contains a quote icon and text about COVID-19 community levels. Below the alert is a yellow box with the text 'Monkeypox: Please visit our monkeypox webpage for the latest updates.' The main content area has a breadcrumb trail: 'CT.gov Home / Department of Public Health / CT Monkeypox / Information for Monkeypox Vaccine Providers'. On the left is a dark sidebar menu with links to 'Epidemiology and Emergency Infections Home', 'Disease Facts', 'Influenza Surveillance and Statistics', 'Tick-borne Diseases', 'Mosquito-borne Diseases', 'Rabies', 'Foodborne Pathogens Active Surveillance Network - FoodNet', and 'Active Bacterial Core Surveillance - ABCs'. The main content area is titled 'Information for Monkeypox Vaccine Providers' and contains text about the vaccine provider network, a link to the 'Monkeypox Vaccination' page, a section for the 'VACCINE PROVIDER MANUAL', and a link to the 'Monkeypox Vaccine Provider Manual'.

Mobile Efforts and Second Dose Considerations

CT DPH has begun mobile vaccination efforts to bring doses to at risk populations and to have a presence at pride events.

- Clinics at Pride events will not always have a second dose clinic associated with the event.
- A card with the dose date and due date of second dose will be provided. Please note, this is not a vaccination card it is a due date reminder. CDC has not still provided official vaccination cards as they had mentioned previously.
- Vaccinees may schedule a second dose with any clinic offering monkeypox vaccine.
- If a card is not available, vaccination status can be verified using CT WiZ.

CT WiZ Public Portal

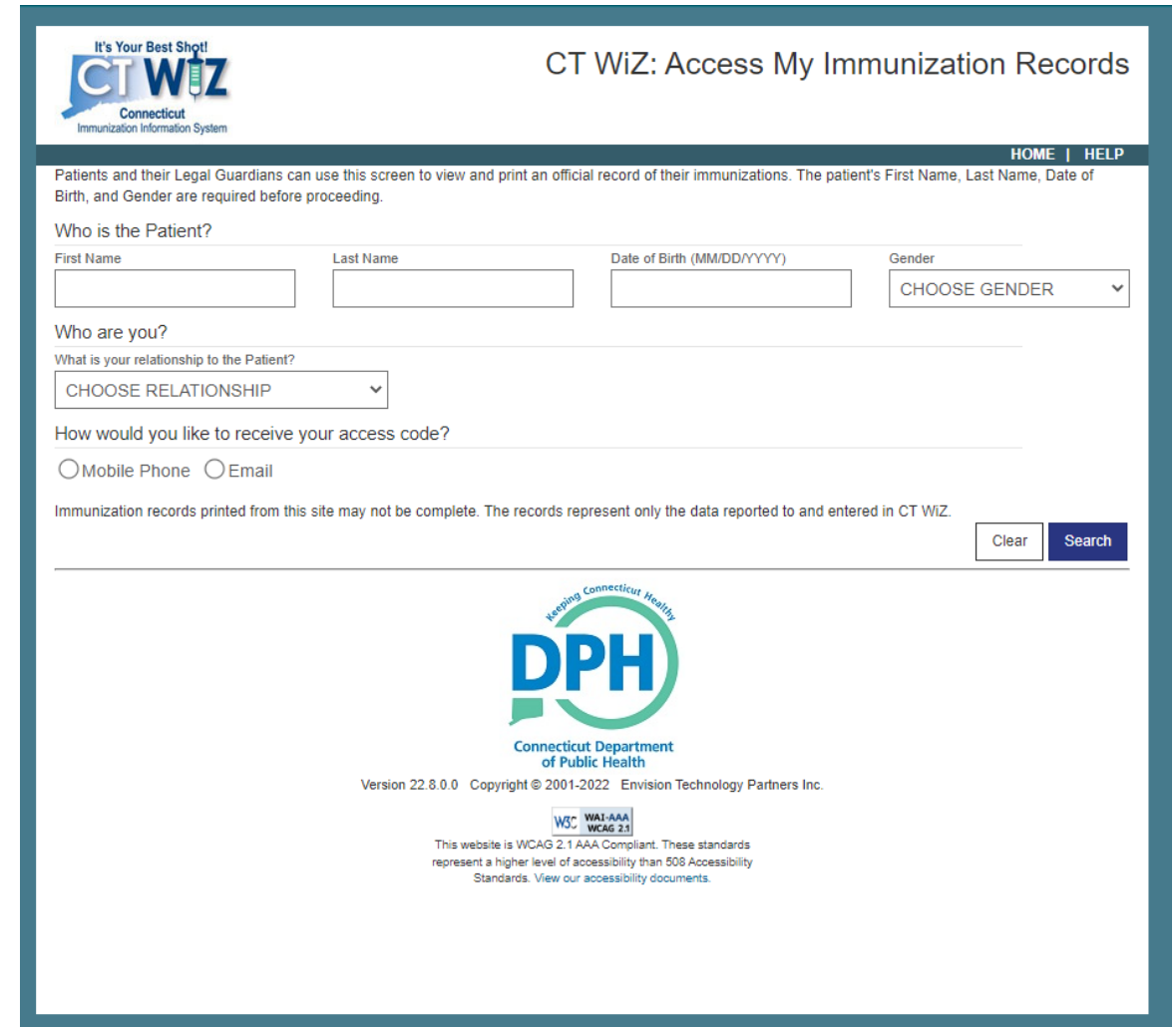
Patients can look up their monkeypox vaccination using the CT WiZ public portal.

CT WiZ: Access My Immunization Record



The CT WiZ Public Portal allows individuals who were vaccinated in Connecticut to access their own immunization records, while parents and guardians can also access their child's records. You have the option of getting a PDF copy of your full immunization record, or your COVID-19 vaccine record that contains your SMART Health card, which is a digital copy of your COVID-19 vaccine record that can be stored on your phone as a QR code. (Note: CT DPH does not issue replacement 'CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Cards' to the public.)

[GO TO CT WIZ PUBLIC PORTAL >](#)



The screenshot shows the 'CT WiZ: Access My Immunization Records' web form. At the top left is the 'It's Your Best Shot! CT WiZ Connecticut Immunization Information System' logo. At the top right is the title 'CT WiZ: Access My Immunization Records' and links for 'HOME' and 'HELP'. Below the title is a paragraph: 'Patients and their Legal Guardians can use this screen to view and print an official record of their immunizations. The patient's First Name, Last Name, Date of Birth, and Gender are required before proceeding.' The form fields are: 'Who is the Patient?' with sub-fields for 'First Name', 'Last Name', 'Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)', and 'Gender' (a dropdown menu labeled 'CHOOSE GENDER'). Below these is 'Who are you?' with 'What is your relationship to the Patient?' (a dropdown menu labeled 'CHOOSE RELATIONSHIP'). Then 'How would you like to receive your access code?' with radio buttons for 'Mobile Phone' and 'Email'. At the bottom of the form area is a disclaimer: 'Immunization records printed from this site may not be complete. The records represent only the data reported to and entered in CT WiZ.' and two buttons: 'Clear' and 'Search'. The footer contains the DPH logo, version information 'Version 22.8.0.0 Copyright © 2001-2022 Envision Technology Partners Inc.', and a WAI-AAA WCAG 2.1 accessibility compliance statement.

Update: Minimizing Wastage

Reasonable effort should be made to use all available doses in a vial. This includes:

- Proactive planning – Maintain a waitlist of individuals who can be called in at short notice at the end of a clinic day should there be leftover doses. The waitlist could also include individuals who have received first doses once they are in the window for second doses.
- Active management – Near the end of the clinic day, if it seems that there will not be enough individuals to receive vaccine to make full use of a vial, call individuals in from your waitlist.
- Active management – If there are not enough people to make use of an entire vial, consider deferring administration to the next day, asking these individuals to return the next day for their vaccine. This should only be considered for those seeking PEP++.

If unable to find patients who meet the existing PEP++ criteria to utilize doses at the end of the day you can vaccinate individuals who have:

Had multiple sexual partners in a jurisdiction (e.g., city/state/country) with known monkeypox.

Reminder: Special Population Recommendations

Providers should reach out to existing patients who are at increased risk for severe monkeypox infection to determine if they meet the eligibility criteria and recommend vaccination with JYNNEOS. Clinicians should consider the following:

- Reaching out to patients who are immunocompromised (e.g., HIV positive) and engaging in behaviors that would put them at increased risk for infection per PEP++ guidelines.
- Identifying and counseling patients who meet HIV PrEP criteria and may also be at increased risk for monkeypox infection about the availability of JYNNEOS.

Reminder: Ordering and Inventory Reporting

Ordering cadence:

- Submit new orders for JYNNEOS vaccines on Thursdays by noon based on what you will need for the following week.
- 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.

Inventory Reporting

- Providers should perform a manual count and update JYNNEOS vaccine inventory in CT WiZ each Thursday by noon. Your inventory must remain current and will be tied to how much vaccine you will receive in the future.
- Additional updates to inventory should be made when vaccine is received by transfer or shipment.
- Please report inventory in CT WiZ in doses (instead of vials). For now, assume 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 (and CDC) will operate under this assumption.

Reminder: Data Collection

Demographic Information:

- Demographic data is important to collect. Please ensure to collect and enter race and ethnicity data into CT WiZ.

Demand Survey

- A survey was distributed to assess demand at clinics. It was due 5pm Friday, September 2.
- Only 13 results were received so we are extending the deadline to **5 pm Thursday, September 8.**
- **Please complete the survey [here](#).**

Question and Answers

To ask a question, please raise your hand using the hand icon on your screen, type your question in the chat box or if you are on the phone press *6 to unmute yourself.

If you have additional questions after the meeting, please feel free to email them to DPH.Monkeypox@ct.gov.