Health Update:

Expanded Mpox Vaccination Recommendations

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Situational Update

Mpox case incidence in San Francisco has fallen substantially, thanks, in part, to the vigorous public health and medical provider response and the robust willingness of the affected community to seek and receive vaccinations.

On 11/15/2022 CDPH issued expanded vaccination recommendations for those seeking protection from mpox infection. SFDPH is aligning with these expanded recommendations.

- As long as the JYNNEOS vaccine supply continues to be plentiful, there are no longer “eligibility” criteria. Vaccine providers can offer mpox vaccine to any patients who may be at risk, and persons who request vaccination should receive it without having to attest to specific risk factors.

- While specific eligibility criteria have been removed, vaccination providers should still prioritize vaccination efforts for the populations described in CDPH expanded vaccination recommendations, particularly people living with HIV, people who are using or are eligible for HIV PrEP, sex workers, and people who have been diagnosed with a bacterial STI in the past 3 months.

Actions Requested of SF Clinicians

1. Adopt the CDPH expanded vaccination recommendations.

2. Strongly recommend and administer mpox vaccine to those who may be at risk and ensure that all who have received JYNNEOS complete the 2-dose primary series in order to achieve more lasting immunity.

3. Include assessment of mpox risk and vaccination status at all sexual health visits for men, trans or nonbinary people who have sex with men, trans or nonbinary people.

4. Provide mpox vaccine as part of a comprehensive package (for those with non-occupational risk for mpox) that includes the following:
   a. Discussion of HIV PrEP
   b. Linkage to and engagement in HIV care for those living with HIV
   c. Every 3-month screening for gonorrhea, chlamydia, and syphilis
d. Offering vaccines against other sexually transmitted or sexually associated infections, according to current local eligibility criteria and ACIP guidance, including Meningococcal vaccine (MenACWY), Hepatitis A vaccine, Hepatitis B vaccine, and HPV vaccine.

Additional Resources

SF.gov Mpxo pages for the public: sf.gov/information/mpox
SF City Clinic Provider Pages: www.sfcityclinic.org/providers
SFDPH Mpxo for Providers: www.sfcdcp.org/mpxhcp
CDPH Mpxo: www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/monkeypox.aspx

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