JYNNEOS VACCINE GUIDANCE AND BEST PRACTICES
Vaccination Eligibility Guidance

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) is using a hub and spoke model to distribute JYNNEOS vaccine from the Strategic National Stockpile to providers for use to control the spread of Monkeypox. The overarching goal of the distribution strategy is to ensure quick and equitable access to vaccines for those disproportionately affected by monkeypox.

The amount of vaccine available nationally is limited. DHS is on an allocation. Clinics will receive vaccine as it becomes available and likely in small amounts.

As this outbreak changes, and vaccine allocations change, the vaccine eligibility guidance will change. Please follow current eligibility guidance for clinicians.

Eligibility guidance for use of JYNNEOS vaccine for Wisconsin clinicians:

- Known contacts who are identified by public health via case investigation, contact tracing, and risk exposure assessments
- Persons having any skin-to-skin contact with a person diagnosed with Monkeypox
  
  **Are you a man who identifies as gay, bisexual, or a man who has sex with men (MSM), OR a trans/non-binary person, AND experienced any of the following in the past 14 days:**
  
  - Having sex with multiple partners
  - Having sex in exchange for money or other items
  - Having sex with one or more anonymous partners or any partner at a party, club, or other venue where sex occurs on the premises

- Depending on vaccine availability, clinicians may administer vaccine to those who may not have had exposure in the last 14 day, but who indicate they may have one of these exposures soon.

Note: As allocations increase, and the outbreak changes, the criteria of eligible individuals for vaccination will be updated.

Second Dose Allocations

In Wisconsin, clinics will receive allocations for the first and second doses at the same time. For example, if a clinic receives an allocation of 50 doses, you should plan to vaccinate 25 people. Please do not plan on receiving second doses later.

Suggestions for second dose inventory management

- Designate one or two people to manage inventory.
- Designate certain people who can remove inventory from the storage unit.
- When you receive a shipment, separate the inventory for first and second doses; use the doses with the earliest expiration date for first doses, as applicable.
• Store second doses in a separate storage unit, if available.
• If a separate unit is not available:
  o Store in a separate section of your storage unit.
  o Wrap boxes in a rubber band or set on a separate tray.
  o Label with a note indicating they are reserved for second doses.
• Rotate inventory based on the earliest expiration date. Check expiration dates weekly, or as new allocations arrive.
• The label expiration is set to expire at the end of the calendar month. For example, on the label, an expiration date of 9/22 would indicate September 30, 2022, as the expiration date.
• Keep the doses in their original packaging or amber colored bag.
  o If you need to split a box into first and second doses, store the first doses in an amber colored bag and make a copy of the lot number, NDC, and expiration date. Store the copy in your storage unit with the first doses in the amber bag.
  o Limit splitting boxes.
• Inventory in WIR must be kept up to date.
• Given the current vaccine supply issues, it is recommended that you use an appointment based system (versus open walk-in clinics) to ensure that you do not need to turn many individuals away due to demand outstripping vaccine supply.

Recalling Patients for Their Second Dose
Ensuring patients receive two doses of JYNNEOS vaccine is important for ensuring they are fully protected. Clinics should implement systems to support and remind patients of their second dose. Below are suggestions for ensuring patients return.

• Make the appointment for the second dose prior to the patient leaving your clinic.
• Give the patient a written reminder card indicating the time and date of their second dose appointment in their preferred language.
• Provide counselling and education about the importance of completing the two-dose series on-time for the best protection.
  o Patients need to know that they are not fully protected until 14 days after their second dose.
  o They should continue to take precautions against monkeypox during this time.
• Collect contact information at the time of the first dose and let patients know they will receive reminders from your clinic and how they can expect to receive reminders (for example, tell them to check myChart, or someone from the clinic will reach out).
• Send reminders for patients to come in by using phone, email, text or mailed letters in advance of the appointment in the patient’s preferred language. Use whatever communication method is most effective and/or the preference of your patients.
• Patients who missed second dose appointments should be contacted and rescheduled immediately.
• Learn how to use WIR to support your reminder efforts by reviewing the WIR Reminder/Recall reports handout.
• **Important:** Work with your organization and programs in your area to ensure structural issues such as transportation, language, childcare, and time from work are not barriers to receiving the vaccine.

**Inventory in WIR Sites**
- The hubs will transfer JYNNEOS vaccine to the site with the correct PIN; clinics should leave their JYNNEOS inventory in the site associated with their WIR PIN.
- Clinics should not create a “new site” within WIR for monkeypox vaccine.
- Do not transfer inventory to another existing site that does not have a PIN.
- If clinics create a “new site,” DHS loses visibility of the inventory. Those doses also won't be accounted for reporting on statewide inventory on hand.

**JYNNEOS Vaccine Storage**
- Keep frozen at -25°C to -15°C (-13°F to +5°F).
- JYNNEOS is light sensitive. Store in the original package or an amber bag to protect from light. If storing in an amber bag, copy the expiration date, lot number, and NDC and store it with the bag.
- Do not re-freeze a vial once it has been thawed.
- Once thawed, the vaccine may be kept at +2°C to +8°C (+36°F to +46°F) for 8 weeks.
  - Please note that clinics should follow the storage guidance in the “Dear Provider Letter.”
- Do not use the vaccine after the expiration date.
  - Note the expiration date is not shown on the individual vial
  - You can validate the expiration dates on the HHS website.

**Important Reminders**
- Adverse events should be reported to VAERS.
- Every patient must be given a Vaccine Information Statement prior to receipt of JYNNEOS vaccine.

**Important: Reducing Stigma in Monkeypox Communication**
All clinic staff who interact with patients should be trained on communication techniques that reduce stigma. At minimum, please review the CDC’s “Reducing Stigma in Monkeypox Communication and Community Engagement” document with your staff and provide additional training and support as needed.