

# Monkeypox Vaccines in Kentucky



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Distribution of the monkeypox vaccine remains low to Kentucky due to the low number of cases of monkeypox in the state. The Kentucky Department for Public Health shares and appreciates the need and concern for expanded access. We are working to increase vaccination locations as quickly as supplies allow.

## Who can get vaccinated?

### PEP:

Anyone with a high or intermediate risk exposure to someone with monkeypox virus (direct skin-to-skin contact or other close contact)

### PEP++:

Men who have sex with men, including those who identify as gay, OR bisexual, OR transgender, OR gender nonconforming, OR gender nonbinary AND

- Have had multiple or anonymous male, transgender or non-conforming sex partners in the past 14 days; OR
- Have a diagnosis of gonorrhea and/or early syphilis within the past 12 months; OR
- Are on HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)

OR

Persons who attended an event/venue where there was a high risk of exposure to an individual(s) with confirmed monkeypox through skin-to-skin or sexual contact in the last 14 days.

OR

Individuals who, on a case-by-case basis, are determined to have reasonable suspicion of recent direct skin-to-skin contact to a known or suspected case of MPX.

This guidance will be updated as eligibility changes.



If you think you are eligible to receive a monkeypox vaccine, contact your [local health department](#) for vaccination options. Monkeypox vaccines are regionally located across the state and the local health department will assist in coordinating vaccination efforts.

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