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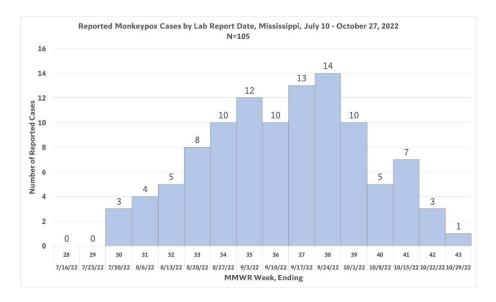|	
MESSAGE ID:	**MSHAN-20221027-00587-UPD (Health Update)**
RECIPIENTS:	**All Physicians, Hospitals, ERs, ICPs, NPs, PAs, and Healthcare Providers – Statewide**
	Thursday, October 27, 2022
SUBJECT:	**Monkeypox Update—Expanded Vaccine Eligibility**

Dear Colleagues,

- Monkeypox (MPX) cases in Mississippi and in the US continue to trend down (see U.S. Monkeypox Case Trends Reported to CDC | Monkeypox | Poxvirus | CDC for US data)
- To date, 105 cases of Monkeypox have been reported in Mississippi.
- Since a peak high of cases the week ending September 24, 2022, Mississippi has seen a steady decline in the number of weekly cases reported (see below). Mississippi case data is updated weekly and available at 19306.pdf (ms.gov)

Reported Monkeypox Cases by Lab Report Date, Mississippi, July 10 - October 27, 2022
N=105

- With falling case numbers, the uptake of Jynneos MPX vaccine among higher risk individuals is also declining.
- **MSDH is expanding the eligibility criteria to increase access and uptake: Persons who meet any one of the following criteria are eligible for MPX vaccine:**
  - **People who have been notified by public health they are contacts to MPX or people who are aware of close, intimate, or sexual contact with someone diagnosed with MPX**
  - **Gay, bisexual, other men who have sex with men, or transgender or nonbinary people with any of the following:**
    - **Have multiple or anonymous sex partners**
    - **Are living with HIV or receiving medication to prevention HIV infection (PrEP)**
    - **Have been diagnosed with a sexually transmitted infection ((i.e., acute HIV, chancroid, chlamydia, gonorrhea, or syphilis) in the prior 6 months**

- o **People who have had any of the following in the past 6 months:**
  - ▪ **Sex at a commercial sex venue**
  - ▪ **Sex in association with a large public event in a geographic area where MPX transmission is occurring**
- o **Sexual partners of people with the above risks**
- o **People who anticipate experiencing the above risks**
- o **People who are deemed at higher risk for MPX infection by their provider or clinician.**
- **Mississippi physicians and providers are asked to screen their patients for eligibility for MPX vaccine and either administer vaccine (if your clinic is a MPX vaccine provider) or refer patients to a clinic where vaccine is available.**
- MPX Vaccine is available for eligible individuals through enrolled providers and selected County Health Departments. See 19327.pdf (ms.gov) for a list of MPX Vaccine Providers in the state (also see Monkeypox Vaccine Locator · Monkeypox Vaccine Locator (mpoxvaxmap.org)).
- To make an appointment for MPX vaccine at one of the participating MSDH County Health Departments, patients can access the online MPX vaccine scheduler at Monkeypox Vaccine Patient Screening - MSDH Monkeypox Scheduling or call the MSDH Hotline at 1-877-978-6453.
- If you are interested in receiving and administering MPX vaccine, see Healthcare Providers - Mississippi State Department of Health (ms.gov) for MPX vaccine provider enrollment information or call the MSDH Office of Immunizations at 601-576-7751.

Regards,

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Alerting Message Specification Settings

Originating Agency:	Mississippi State Department of Health
Alerting Program:	**MS Health Alert Network (MSHAN)**
Message Identifier:	MSHAN-20221027-00587-**UPD**
Program (HAN) Type:	**Health Alert Update**
Status (Type):	Actual ()
Message Type:	Alert
Reference:	MSHAN-00587
Severity:	Unknown
Acknowledgement:	No
Sensitive:	Not Sensitive
Message Expiration:	Undetermined
Urgency:	Undetermined
Delivery Time:	600 minutes

Definition of Alerting Vocabulary and Message Specification Settings

Originating Agency:	A unique identifier for the agency originating the alert.
Alerting Program:	The program sending the alert or engaging in alerts and communications using PHIN Communication and Alerting (PCA) as a vehicle for their delivery.
Message Identifier:	A unique alert identifier that is generated upon alert activation (MSHAN-yyymmdd-hhmm-TTT (**ALT=Health Alert**, **ADV=Health Advisory**, **UPD=Health Update**, **MSG/INFO=Message/Info Service**).
Program (HAN) Type:	Categories of Health Alert Messages.
Health Alert:	Conveys the highest level of importance; warrants immediate action or attention.
Health Advisory:	Provides important information for a specific incident or situation; may not require immediate action.
Health Update:	Provides updated information regarding an incident or situation; unlikely to require immediate action.
Health Info Service:	Provides Message / Notification of general public health information; unlikely to require immediate action.

Status (Type):

	Actual:	Communication or alert refers to a live event
	Exercise:	Designated recipients must respond to the communication or alert
	Test:	Communication or alert is related to a technical, system test and should be disregarded

Message Type:

	Alert:	Indicates an original Alert
	Update:	Indicates prior alert has been Updated and/or superseded
	Cancel:	Indicates prior alert has been cancelled

Reference: For a communication or alert with a Message Type of "Update" or "Cancel", this attribute contains the unique Message Identifier of the original communication or alert being updated or cancelled. "n/a" = Not Applicable.

Severity:

Extreme:	Extraordinary threat to life or property
Severe:	Significant threat to life or property
Moderate:	Possible threat to life or property
Minor:	Minimal threat to life or property
Unknown:	Unknown threat to life or property

Acknowledgement: Indicates whether an acknowledgement on the part of the recipient is required to confirm that the alert was received, and the timeframe in which a response is required (Yes or No).

Sensitive:

Sensitive:	Indicates the alert contains sensitive content
Not Sensitive:	Indicates non-sensitive content

Message Expiration: Undetermined.

Urgency: Undetermined. Responsive action should be taken immediately.

Delivery Time: Indicates the timeframe for delivery of the alert (15, 60, 1440, 4320 minutes (.25, 1, 24, 72 hours)).