

Mpox Update – November, 2023

- **Mpox is still around.** There have been nearly 1,000 mpox cases reported in the US in 2023, including **four cases in Connecticut** with the most recent Connecticut case diagnosed in October.
 - The mpox outbreak continues to disproportionately affect gay and bisexual men, other men who have sex with men, and gender diverse individuals.
- In October 2023, the [ACIP recommended](#) routine use of the JYNNEOS vaccine for prevention of mpox in people aged 18 and older who are at risk for mpox.
 - Find locations offering mpox vaccine in Connecticut on the [DPH website](#).
 - If you would like to offer the vaccine in your clinic, contact us at dph.mpox@ct.gov.
 - The JYNNEOS vaccine is available for administration to persons younger than 18 under an FDA Emergency Use Authorization.
 - [Based on CDC estimates](#), only one third of Connecticut residents at risk have been fully vaccinated.
- **Key messages that patients need to know about the vaccine** include the following. The National Coalition of STD Directors offers an [mpox communications toolkit](#) with creative content to help convey these messages (example below).
 - The vaccine is safe and effective.
 - Two doses of the vaccine offer the best protection. *(Providers are encouraged to follow up with patients in need of a second dose!)*
 - Being fully vaccinated is a good way to protect yourself, the people you care about, and your lifestyle.
 - The mpox vaccine is **free** to patients. Your insurance may be billed if it covers mpox vaccine.
- Mpox **testing** is available at the Connecticut State Public Health Laboratory (SPHL) and some commercial laboratories. Instructions to collect and submit specimens to SPHL are [online](#).
- Information about accessing **tecovirimat** (TPOXX) to treat mpox is also available [online](#).



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