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Solano County Public Health partners with local community-based organizations to provide vaccination clinics for monkeypox

SOLANO COUNTY- The Solano County Department of Health and Social Services, Public Health division, in collaboration with Solano Pride Center, California Health Medical Reserve Corps, Food is Free Solano, La Clínica de La Raza, Medic Ambulance and Solano AIDS Coalition, hosted vaccination clinics on August 5 and 8, 2022 to provide the first dose of the monkeypox vaccine. Over 100 individuals were vaccinated during the events.

"Public Health will continue to monitor the situation and work closely with our local community-based organizations to identify those who are at highest risk of monkeypox," said Dr. Christine Wu, M.D., M.P.H., Deputy Health Officer for the County. "When vaccines become more readily available, we will notify the community; the health and safety of Solano County residents continues to be our priority."

The monkeypox vaccine is licensed for adults 18 years and over. Solano Public Health continues to receive a limited allocation of the JYNNEOS vaccine and is prioritizing those at highest risk. As vaccine allocation and availability increases, Solano Public Health will provide updates to community vaccine events on the Solano County website at www.SolanoCounty.com/monkeypox.

Most people who receive the JYNNEOS vaccine have only minor reactions such as pain, redness, swelling and itching at the injection site. Less commonly, people may experience muscle pain, headache, fatigue, nausea, chills, and fever.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends the following measures to prevent or lessen the risk of infection with monkeypox:

- Avoid close physical contact with people who have symptoms such as sores or rashes
- Avoid contact with infected animals and materials contaminated with the virus
- Isolation of infected persons until their symptoms, including rash, have gone away completely
- Using appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) when caring for others with symptoms
- Practice good hand hygiene, including washing your hands often with soap and warm water.

Individuals who may have been exposed to monkeypox, or who have symptoms, should immediately contact their healthcare provider for evaluation and guidance. Clinicians should report suspected monkeypox cases to Solano Public Health's Communicable Disease Unit at (707) 784-8001.

RESOURCES / FUTURE VACCINE CLINICS

To stay up to date with the current status of monkeypox in Solano County and future community vaccine events, visit www.SolanoCounty.com/monkeypox.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

The CDC is closely tracking cases of monkeypox recently detected in the United States. For continued updates, visit https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/index.html. Consider following the Solano County Department of Health and Social Services, Public Health division on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/SolanoCountyPH and on our website, www.SolanoCounty.com/PH.

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