

# MPOX

## What to Expect AFTER Your Mpox Vaccine

### What you should do today

- Today you will get your first of two doses of the JYNNEOS vaccine. You should receive your second dose in about 28 days. If you are in the local area, we can make an appointment for your second dose now. If you are from another area, please remember to make an appointment for a second dose there.
- Remember to **SAVE** the letter you get today, documenting that you got your first dose. Take a photo of it and store it on your phone. Whoever gives your second dose will need documentation of your first dose.
- You are not fully protected after just one dose of the vaccine. **Two doses are required, and it will take your body time to produce a protective immune response.**

### What you need to know about the two-dose JYNNEOS mpox vaccine

- JYNNEOS vaccine is available according to an Emergency Use Authorization from the Food and Drug Administration.
- You will not be fully protected with this vaccine until **2 weeks after your second shot** of JYNNEOS.
- Once you're vaccinated, you should continue to protect yourself from infection by avoiding close, skin-to-skin contact, including sex or an intimate contact, with someone who has mpox.
- Whether you get the dose intradermally (under the skin) or subcutaneously (between skin and muscle), you still get the same protection from mpox.

### Normal side effects you might experience

- If you are healthy and have never had a smallpox vaccine, the most common reactions are:
  - Pain and redness at the injection site
  - Swelling, hardening, itching, discoloration or minimal redness near or at the injection site
  - Muscle pain
  - Headache
  - Fatigue
  - Nausea
  - Chills
- If you get the injection intradermally (under the skin), the hardening you experience at the injection site may last up to several months.
- Some people may experience more severe side effects and/or for a longer duration. Please talk to a health care professional if you do not feel well after 2 or 3 days.
- If you are immunocompromised you may not develop full immunity from the vaccine and could still develop severe symptoms if infected.
- If you are diagnosed with mpox, or develop mpox between dose 1 and 2, talk to your doctor about receiving additional vaccine.
- Remember: It's still possible, despite being vaccinated, that you can develop symptoms of mpox while you wait for your second dose. Be sure to get your second dose.
- **Call 911 immediately if you experience symptoms of an allergic reaction. These symptoms may include hives, swelling of the face and throat, difficulty breathing, a fast heartbeat, dizziness, or weakness.**

### For more information:

Follow trusted sources of health information, including:

- NYSDOH Mpox | [www.health.ny.gov/mpox](http://www.health.ny.gov/mpox)
- CDC Mpox | Poxvirus | [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/smallpox-monkeypox.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/smallpox-monkeypox.html)
- Your local county health department | [www.health.ny.gov/contact/contact\\_information/](http://www.health.ny.gov/contact/contact_information/)



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