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## JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

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## Jefferson County Public Health Service Offering Monkeypox Vaccination

The Jefferson County Public Health Service (JCPHS) is hosting two clinics to administer JYNNEOS vaccine for individuals who are at risk of contracting monkeypox. JYNNEOS is a vaccine licensed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration as a two-dose series for the prevention of monkeypox among adults ages 18 years and older. Walk-in appointments are available on Friday, September 30 from 2:00 – 3:00pm and on Thursday, October 6 from 12:00 – 3:00pm.

Individuals need two doses of the vaccine, at least four weeks apart. Individuals will be given an appointment date and time to return for their second dose of vaccine. A person is considered fully vaccinated 14 days after the second dose.

Monkeypox is a rare, viral infection that does not usually cause serious illness. However, it can result in hospitalization or death. Health officials in New York State (NYS), the U.S., and around the world are monitoring cases of monkeypox in areas that do not usually report monkeypox infections. As of 09/25/22, there have been 3,561 cases of monkeypox reported in NYS. As of 09/28/22, there have been no cases of monkeypox reported in Jefferson County.

JYNNEOS vaccine will also be available at JCPHS during weekly immunization and STI clinics. Please visit <a href="https://www.jcphs.org">www.jcphs.org</a> for more information.