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Mpox Vaccination Basics

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Read more about the vaccine, how it's given, side effects, and where to get it at [Mpox Vaccine Recommendations](#).



Get the vaccine if you

- Are a gay, bisexual, or other same-gender loving man who has sex with men or are transgender, gender non-binary, or gender-diverse.
- Have had sexual or intimate contact with someone who may have mpox. Get vaccinated as soon as possible after exposure, regardless of your sexual or gender identity.



AND if you, in the last 6 months, have had or expect to have

- One or more sexually transmitted infections
- A weakened immune system because of another illness, like HIV
- Sexual or intimate contact with a person who is at risk of mpox
- Anonymous sexual or intimate contact, or more than one sexual partner



Get both doses of the vaccine unless

You had a severe allergic reaction (such as anaphylaxis) after getting your first dose of the JYNNEOS vaccine.

Mpox vaccines are free of cost and effective at protecting you from mpox.



Two doses provide the best protection. Get dose 1, wait 4 weeks, and then get dose 2. You will have maximum protection two weeks after your second dose.

You can choose where to get the vaccine. You can get it in your forearm, upper back, or shoulder.

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