

# Mpox Vaccinator Staffing Resources

## About Mpox

Mpox (formerly known as Monkeypox) became a public health concern in 2022 as the illness rapidly spread in communities nationwide. Although mpox virus is in the same family of viruses as smallpox, it is less transmissible and typically less severe than smallpox.

Vaccination helps to protect against mpox when given at least 14 days before or shortly (4-14 days) after an exposure and, when used with other harm reduction measures, is one of the most effective tools available to prevent the spread of the virus and severe disease, including hospitalization.

## Contract Staffing Resources

To support efforts to reduce the spread of mpox, the California Department of Public Health is making turnkey vaccination teams available at no cost to Local Health Departments and Community Based Organizations (CBOs) based on availability and equitable selection process.

These staff are intended to supplement, rather than augment, existing resources and increase Local Health Jurisdictions' (LHJ) ability to vaccinate and protect our communities.

## Overview of Staffing Resources

- **Staffing Model Supported:** At this time, CDPH is providing short term turnkey staffing teams.
- **Staff Scope:** Mpox staff can only be used to support Mpox vaccine administration, these staff should not provide vaccines of other kinds, including COVID.
- **Staffing Types:** Registered Nurses (RNs), Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVNs), and Administrative Staff

## Requesting Resources

- Requests should be submitted at least 7-10 business days before staff are needed onsite.
- CDPH encourages CBOs interested in hosting an event to coordinate directly with their LHJ to complete the site request survey. CBOs can also complete the site request form [survey](#).

## Turnkey Teams

Teams provide staff with all necessary PPE and ancillary supplies, except vaccine product which must be supplied by the LHJ. Teams can provide other supplies like tables, tents, and chairs if needed and administer at least 100 doses in an 8-hour span with a team of 4 staff. For large events, more staff may be provided.

CBOs are expected to support event planning, marketing and logistics with the vendor and may be asked to provide technical assistance and staffing support for line management and client flow.

## Is This Resource Right for You?

The table below details the OptumServe Turnkey service.

| Turnkey Teams         |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Staffing Vendor       | OptumServe   |
| Deployment Length     | Short Term (1-2 Days)  |
| Appropriate For...    | Event-based vaccination  |
| Staff Types Available | Team of 2 vaccinators & 2 administrators                         |
| Scheduling            | 8 hour day   |
| Vendor Can Provide    | Staff, chairs, tables, tents, generators, and ancillary supplies |
| CBO/ LHJ Provides     | Worksite, event plan, vaccine doses                              |

## Questions?

For additional information or any questions contact your local health jurisdiction or our turnkey events team.

- Local Health Department: [LHD Communicable Disease Contact Information](#)
- Turnkey Team: [mpoxadmin@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:mpoxadmin@cdph.ca.gov)

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Mpox.aspx>

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