



Winnebago County

# Health Department

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## WCHD Vaccinating Those Most At Risk For MPV.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY – As part of the nationwide and statewide strategies to prevent the transmission of monkeypox virus (MPV) in the region, the Winnebago County Health Department has received a limited supply of MPV vaccine and will be administering the vaccine to those in the community most at risk.

Currently, those who are eligible for the MPV vaccine are close contacts of someone with MPV or men, ages 18 and older, who have sex with men (MSM) AND have one or more of the following risks:

- Multiple sex partners or anonymous sex partners,
- Intimate or sexual contact with other men in a social or sexual venue, OR
- Have exchanged money, goods, or services for sex

The MPV vaccine is not currently recommended for the general public or for men who have sex with men unless they meet additional criteria listed above.

**To Register, Go To:** [www.wchd.org](http://www.wchd.org)

Registering includes screening to determine eligibility and prioritizes vaccination appointments for those most at risk for MPV. Registering does not guarantee vaccination. Information provided to WCHD for registration is confidential.

“With the availability of vaccine comes the opportunity to get ahead of this virus to protect those most at risk from getting and spreading MPV,” said Dr. Sandra Martell, Public Health Administrator for the Winnebago County Health Department. “While the risk remains low in Winnebago County, MPV continues to spread throughout the state. By protecting vulnerable members of our community, we help to protect our whole community.”

For more information, visit the Winnebago County Health Department website at [www.wchd.org](http://www.wchd.org).

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