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District Health Department No. 2 Hosts Monkeypox Vaccine Clinics

District Health Department No. 2 (DHD2) now has a limited supply of the monkeypox virus (MPV) vaccine. DHD2 will host two clinics on Friday, September 2nd. Appointments to get vaccinated are available for eligible residents. Please call, 1-800-5042670 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins will be accepted but having an appointment will help with speed of service.

West Branch Clinic
Friday, September 2nd – 8:30am-11:30am
630 Progress St, West Branch

Tawas Clinic
Friday, September 2nd – 1:00pm-3:00pm
420 W Lake St, Tawas

Eligibility
The current supply of the MPV vaccine is limited. While MPV can affect anyone, vaccination is limited to those who are at risk for MPV infection. Eligibility for these MPV vaccine clinics are limited to:

- Those who are residents of Alcona, Iosco, Ogemaw, or Oscoda counties.
  And
- Those that were exposed to MPV (close physical contact with someone diagnosed with MPV) over the last 14 days.
  Or
- Those who are men (or a trans or nonbinary person) who have sex with men, *And*
  - Have had intimate or sexual contact with multiple or anonymous partners, *Or*
  - Have had intimate or sexual contact with other men in a social or sexual venue, *Or*
  - Have given or received money or other goods or services in exchange for sex

  Or
- Those who had intimate or sexual contact with other individuals at an event in the last 14 days, and you were later informed that there were cases of MPV at the event.

The MPV vaccine is not recommended to the general public or those outside of the eligibility criteria at this time. Contact your local health department if you have recently been exposed to MPV or are at high risk for exposure and would like to discuss vaccination.

Transmission of MPV
MPV is a viral illness. It primarily spreads through close or intimate contact with those who are infected through contact with rashes, scabs, bodily fluids, or extended face-to-face contact.

Symptoms of MPV
MPV infection typically begins with flu-like symptoms that progresses into rashes on the face and/or body. Additional symptoms include:

- Fever
- Chills
- Headache
- Back and muscle aches
- Swollen lymph nodes
- Feeling tired
- Sore throat, cough, and/or nasal congestion
- Rashes that look like pimples or blisters can appear on the face, in the mouth, hands, feet, chest, and/or genitals

For more information on the eligibility requirements of the MPV vaccine, please visit https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/index.html

If you think you may be eligible and you would like to schedule an MPV vaccine, please call DHD2 at 1-800-504-2650.