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THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN BAY COUNTY IS PROVIDING SMALLPOX/MONKEYPOX VACCINE TO PEOPLE WITH CERTAIN RISK FACTORS

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Panama City, Fla. – The Florida Department of Health in Bay County (DOH-Bay) is providing the intradermal JYNNEOS vaccine for smallpox/monkeypox by appointment only to people ages 18 and older with certain risk factors. To schedule an appointment people should call 850-872-4455.

Starting September 1, the vaccine will be available on Thursdays at DOH-Bay, 597 W 11th Street, Panama City.

High-risk groups include:

a. Laboratory personnel and select health care personnel at high risk for monkeypox.

b. Close contacts of monkeypox cases referred by epidemiology staff.

c. Immunocompromised men who have sex with men (MSM) with HIV.

d. Other MSM with a recent history of a sexually transmissible disease (STD).

e. All other MSM with HIV who had a potential exposure.

f. All other MSM, who are at high risk.

g. Other high-risk groups, such as female sex workers and others identified by state or local epidemiology.

Please note vaccine is limited at this time. If there are no appointments available, please check back as DOH-Bay will offer new appointments as vaccine becomes available.

The hepatitis A and meningococcal disease vaccine is also available at no cost to those at high risk and may be received during the same appointment.

Human-to-human transmission generally requires prolonged, face-to-face contact, direct contact with lesion materials, or indirect contact with lesion materials through contaminated items, such as contaminated clothing.

Up to date information on monkeypox is available at FloridaHealth.gov. Case data for monkeypox, as well as other reportable diseases, can be found on FLHealthCharts.gov.

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