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## SHELBY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO OFFER EVENING AND WEEKEND APPOINTMENTS FOR MONKEYPOX VACCINATION

SHELBY COUNTY, TN – Shelby County Health Department (SCHD) continues to provide monkeypox vaccination to individuals identified as at-risk by the Tennessee Department of Health. As of Friday, September 23, 2022, there were 73 presumptive monkeypox cases in Shelby County. 877 Shelby County residents have received at least one dose of the two-dose series of monkeypox vaccinations. Of those, 46.8% identified as White, and 23.4% identified as Black, and 29.3 percent identified as “other.”

To make the vaccine more accessible to the at-risk groups identified by the Tennessee Department of Health, Shelby County Health Department is offering appointments during the following evening and weekend hours at the 814 Jefferson headquarters:

- **Monday and Wednesday, October 3 and 5, 2022, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**
- **Monday and Wednesday, October 17 and 19, 2022, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**
- **Monday and Wednesday, October 24 and 26, 2022, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**
- **Monday and Wednesday, October 31 and November 2, 2022, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Appointments will be available between 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on the following Saturdays:

- **Saturday, October 22, 2022**
- **Saturday, October 29, 2022**

Those who meet the current criteria for vaccination may sign up for an appointment at this link: <https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/ShelbyCountyHealthDepartment@shelbycountyttn.gov/bookings/>. Those without internet access may call 901-222-9000 to set up an appointment or use this QR code on smart phones:



Tennessee Department of Health (TDH) limits vaccination to the following groups:

1. Individuals with a known contact/exposure to monkeypox identified through public health interviews during the prior 14 days
2. Individuals who might have been exposed to monkeypox in the past 14 days, including if they:
  - Are aware that a sexual partner was diagnosed with monkeypox in the past 14 days
  - Have had multiple sexual partners in the past 14 days
3. Gay, bisexual, or other men who have sex with men (MSM), and/or transgender, gender-nonconforming or gender non-binary individuals who report any of the following in the last 90 days:
  - Having multiple sex partners or anonymous sex
  - Being diagnosed with a sexually transmitted infection (STI), including HIV
  - Receiving medications to prevent HIV infection (HIV PrEP)
  - Living with HIV

The public is advised to be alert for the appearance of any new rashes characterized by sores, bumps, or fluid-filled bumps and seek medical evaluation from their primary care physician or health care provider if they have symptoms or concerns. All primary care physicians and other medical providers should be able to evaluate patients for suspected monkeypox and collect a specimen for testing if indicated. A direct swab of a suspected monkeypox lesion is the [only reliable way to test](#) for the disease, meaning if you don't have a rash/lesions, you cannot be tested. Contact your health care provider if you think you have been exposed to monkeypox or are at high risk for exposure.

For more information about monkeypox, visit the following online resources:

- Tennessee Department of Health Monkeypox Page: <https://www.tn.gov/health/cedep/reportable-diseases/monkeypox.html>.
- CDC Monkeypox Page: <https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/index.html>.
- CDC Guidance for Health Care Professionals: <https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/clinicians/what-hcps-should-know.html>

For more information about monkeypox and updates about vaccinations in Shelby County, visit our website: <https://www.shelbytnhealth.com/>.

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