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## Monkeypox Vaccination Pre-Registration System Open

FREDERICK, MD – Maryland Department of Health (MDH) has released the Maryland Statewide Human Monkeypox (MPX) Vaccination [Pre-Registration System](#) enabling Marylanders to sign up to be notified when an MPX vaccine opportunity becomes available. Frederick County Health Department (FCHD) will contact individuals who have pre-registered through this system to offer the opportunity to schedule a first dose of MPX vaccine once eligibility is determined and vaccine is available.

The vaccination pre-registration system is intended for Maryland residents who meet one of the following criteria:

- Self-identified close contact of a person with MPX
- Impacted community member with potential MPX exposures in the prior 2 weeks

Pre-registration does not guarantee an invitation to book an appointment. The number of available vaccine appointments will be determined based on availability of vaccine supply. Individuals who do not meet the current vaccination eligibility criteria are still encouraged to pre-register. If eligibility expands, people who have already pre-registered will be notified of available appointments.

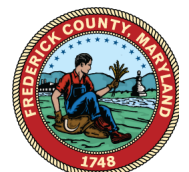
The information gathered during the pre-registration process is personal and steps have been taken to make it secure. Individuals who would like to be considered for an MPX vaccine must create an account and complete a survey. To ensure that the information in the system is secure, people signing up will be required to create a two-factor authentication when setting up an account. All information collected through the pre-registration system is confidential and secure and will only be used by the Maryland Department of Health and the Maryland local health departments to determine vaccine eligibility and to schedule vaccine appointments.

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People who register through the system and are determined to be eligible for the vaccine will receive an email invitation to make an appointment from their local health department. This invitation will be sent to the email used to register in the system. Vaccinations to prevent MPX disease are free.

The new vaccine pre-registration system is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Individuals who have trouble registering can call 443-488-4648 from 8:00am-4:30pm on Monday through Friday (excluding state holidays).

Anyone who has monkeypox symptoms should contact their health care provider. For additional monkeypox resources, including fact sheets and FAQs, visit [health.maryland.gov/monkeypox](https://health.maryland.gov/monkeypox) or [health.frederickcountymd.gov/Monkeypox](https://health.frederickcountymd.gov/Monkeypox) for local information.

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