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## COVID-19 Vaccines for Infants and Young Children Monkeypox Update

### Key Points and Recommendations:

- Join our healthcare provider webinar this **Thursday, 6/9** from **12:00 – 1:00 pm** for detailed updates on these two different topics:
  - Zoom link: <https://nh-dhhs.zoom.us/j/94059287404>
  - Call-in phone number: (646) 558-8656
  - Meeting ID: 940 5928 7404
  - Password: 353809

### COVID-19 Vaccines for Infants and Young Children

- FDA's Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC) is scheduled to meet on June 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss authorization of COVID-19 vaccines for infants and young children aged 6 months – 4 years (Pfizer-BioNTech) and 6 months – 5 years (Moderna).
  - Shipment of COVID-19 vaccines for this age group will begin once authorized by the FDA, and administration can begin following CDC recommendations – vaccine is expected to begin arriving in NH beginning June 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - Vaccination through a child's medical home is best practice and allows providers to [promote vaccination](#) and individually address parent/guardian questions or concerns. State-run vaccine clinics have also demobilized and many pharmacies may not offer vaccination for infants or younger children.
    - Enroll to become a COVID-19 vaccine provider for your patients by contacting the NH Immunization Program at: [c19enrollment@dhhs.nh.gov](mailto:c19enrollment@dhhs.nh.gov) or 603-271-4482
  - COVID-19 vaccine pre-orders for these new vaccine formulations will take place in two waves (minimum order quantity of 100 doses):
    - Wave 1: **Ordering is now open** and will close on June 8<sup>th</sup> at 9am; expect delivery on June 20<sup>th</sup> (a federal holiday – clinics must be able to receive vaccine shipments on this date to order in Wave 1)
    - Wave 2: Order starting June 8<sup>th</sup> at 10am through June 14<sup>th</sup> at 9am; expect delivery between June 23-29
    - Order and shipping questions should be directed to the NH Immunization Program at: [immunization@dhhs.nh.gov](mailto:immunization@dhhs.nh.gov) or 603-271-4463

### **Monkeypox Update**

- More than 900 cases of monkeypox from 28 countries have been [identified globally](#) in non-endemic countries, including 25 cases from 12 [U.S. states](#); no monkeypox has yet been identified in NH.
- Monkeypox transmission occurs through any physical contact with infectious skin lesions or body fluids and through respiratory droplets after close prolonged face-to-face contact. Early reports ([Duque et al., Euro Surveill, May 2022](#); [Vivancos et al., Euro Surveill, May 2022](#); [Minhaj et al., MMWR, May 2022](#)) indicate that current monkeypox outbreaks in non-endemic countries are predominantly transmitting through sexual networks.
- Consider monkeypox testing for any person with new skin lesions [consistent with monkeypox](#) if the skin lesions occurred:
  - Within a few weeks after traveling to another country where monkeypox is being reported
  - After close contact to a person who has a similar skin rash, or who is suspected or confirmed to have monkeypox
  - After intimate physical or sexual contact with a partner, especially in men who have sex with other men (MSM), or after any intimate/sexual contact that occurred during travel
    - New genital or perianal skin lesions can be the first sign/symptom of monkeypox and may be confused for a sexually transmitted infection (STI)
- Wear gown, gloves, eye protection and an N95 or higher level respirator when evaluating a patient suspected of having monkeypox; airborne isolation is NOT necessary unless an aerosol generating procedure is being performed (see [CDC infection control guidance](#)).
- See prior [monkeypox HAN](#) for information on specimen collection and coordination of testing through our NH public health laboratories (PHL).
- Clinicians should immediately report any suspect case of monkeypox to the NH Division of Public Health Services (DPHS) by calling 603-271-4496 (after hours 603-271-5300 and ask for the public health professional on call); reporting must occur before testing at our NH PHL can be performed.
- Additional monkeypox information for healthcare providers and patients:
  - CDC's [Monkeypox: Get the Facts](#)
  - NH DHHS [monkeypox FAQs](#)

- For any questions regarding this notification, please call the NH DHHS, DPHS, Bureau of Infectious Disease Control at (603) 271-4496 during business hours (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.).
- If you are calling after hours or on the weekend, please call the New Hampshire Hospital switchboard at (603) 271-5300 and request the Public Health Professional on-call.
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