While some individuals may be at increased risk of developing monkeypox, anyone can get monkeypox. Vaccine is being prioritized for individuals at highest risk for exposure to monkeypox at this time.

About the Monkeypox Vaccine
Vaccination helps to protect against monkeypox when given before or shortly after an exposure. Sacramento County Public Health (SCPH) receives limited doses of JYNNEOS vaccine, which is indicated for prevention of monkeypox. It is given as a two dose injection in the upper arm at least four weeks apart.

Who is eligible to be vaccinated in Sacramento County?
Men who have sex with men and/or transgender individuals who meet at least one of the following criteria:
- have tested positive for an STI in the last two months
- had 2+ sexual partners in the last 3 weeks
- attended or work at a commercial sex venue in the last 3 weeks
- had anonymous sex in the last 3 weeks

Anyone, regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation, who:
- is a sexual partner of someone who meets the above criteria OR
- engaged in transactional sex or sex work in the last 3 weeks OR
- was identified by SCPH as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for monkeypox

These criteria will be updated as vaccine supply increases.

Will I have side effects?
Most people who get the monkeypox vaccine have only minor reactions, like mild fever, tiredness, swollen glands, and redness and itching at the place where the vaccine is given.

How do I get my second dose?
You can receive your second dose of JYNNEOS at least 28 days after receiving your first dose. Come to a monkeypox vaccine clinic to receive your second dose. Note that some clinics require appointments or may have limited vaccine supply and don’t forget to bring your vaccination record.

I have monkeypox. Will the vaccine help me?
No. The vaccine is not treatment and should not be given to someone who is experiencing symptoms of monkeypox or has already tested positive for monkeypox. If you have monkeypox or are experiencing symptoms of monkeypox, talk to your healthcare provider about treatments.