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Long-Term Care Facility Partners: Letter from CDPH Director, Dr. Aragón

Dear LTCF partners,

In addition to the resources outlined in the [previous communication](#), we also wanted to share [this letter from CDPH Director, Dr. Aragón](#), where he urges Directors and Administrators of Long-Term Care Facilities (LTCF) to take steps to protect residents and staff from COVID-19 and other respiratory infections. These steps include offering vaccines on-site, strongly recommending vaccines to residents and staff, and facilitating access to appropriate testing and COVID-19 prescription medications.

Thank you in advance for sharing [this letter](#) with your colleagues and partners.

Resource Available: Mpox Vaccinator Staffing Information

Ready for PRIDE season? The California Department of Public Health is making turnkey vaccination teams available at no cost to Local Health Departments and Community Based Organizations (CBOs) for community events.

If you are interested in this resource or have questions, please contact Brenda Meza (Brenda.meza@cdph.ca.gov) or Justin Garcia (justin.garcia@cdph.ca.gov).

See resource here: [Mpox Staffing Overview January 2024](#).

Mpox Vaccinator Staffing Resources

About Mpox

Mpox (formerly known as Monkeypox) became a public health concern in 2022 as the illness rapidly spread in communities nationwide. Although mpox virus is in the same family of viruses as smallpox, it is less transmissible and typically less severe than smallpox.

Vaccination helps to protect against mpox when given at least 14 days before or shortly (4-14 days) after an exposure and, when used with other harm reduction measures, is one of the most effective tools available to prevent the spread of the virus and severe disease, including hospitalization.

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Mpox.aspx>
cdph.ca.gov

Contract Staffing Resources

To support efforts to reduce the spread of mpox, the California Department of Public Health is making turnkey vaccination teams available at no cost to Local Health Departments and Community Based Organizations (CBOs) based on availability and equitable selection process.

These staff are intended to supplement, rather than augment, existing resources and increase Local Health Jurisdictions' (LHJ) ability to vaccinate and protect our communities.

Overview of Staffing Resources

- **Staffing Model Supported:** At this time, CDPH is providing short term turnkey staffing teams.
- **Staff Scope:** Mpox staff can only be used to support Mpox vaccine administration, these staff should not provide vaccines of other kinds, including COVID.
- **Staffing Types:** Registered Nurses (RNs), Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVNs), and Administrative Staff

Requesting Resources

- Requests should be submitted at least 7-10 business days before staff are needed onsite.
- CDPH encourages CBOs interested in hosting an event to coordinate directly with their LHJ to complete the site request survey. CBOs can also complete the site request form [survey](#).



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