



# Monterey County

## Item No.5

### Board Report

Board of Supervisors  
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Receive a presentation from the Health Department regarding monkeypox (MPX).

#### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Health, Housing and Human Services Committee of the Board of Supervisors:

Receive a presentation from the Health Department regarding monkeypox (MPX).

#### SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The County of Monterey Health Department's Public Health Bureau will provide an oral presentation on the global monkeypox (MPX) outbreak. MPX is a disease caused by infection with an orthopoxvirus. MPX illness often begins with flu-like symptoms, followed by a blister-like rash that appears a few days later. MPX is primarily spread through direct skin-to-skin contact with an infectious rash, scabs, or body fluids. Less commonly, it can be spread through respiratory secretions during prolonged face-to-face contact or by touching objects like clothing or linen that previously touched the rash of a person with MPX. JYNNEOS vaccine when administered prior to exposure or shortly after exposure to MPX can prevent illness. While there is no specific treatment for MPX, antiviral drugs developed for use against smallpox, a disease caused by an orthopoxvirus in the same family as MPX, may be used to treat MPX virus infections.

The Public Health Bureau's work supports the Monterey County Health Department 2018-2022 Strategic Plan Goals: 1. Empower the community to improve health; 2. Enhance public health and safety through prevention; and 3. Ensure access to culturally and linguistically appropriate, customer-friendly, quality health services. Additionally, this work supports four of the ten essential public health services: 1. Assess and monitor population health status, factors that influence health, and community needs and assets; 2. Investigate, diagnose, and address health problems and hazards affecting the population; 3. Communicate effectively to inform and educate people about health, factors that influence it, and how to improve it; and 4. Strengthen, support, and mobilize communities and partnerships to improve health.

#### OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Monterey County Health Department's Clinic Services Bureau, California Department of Public Health, and local medical providers.

#### FINANCING:

There is no effect to the County General Fund resulting from the receipt of this presentation.

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

Check the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives:

Economic Development:

- Through collaboration, strengthen economic development to ensure a diversified and healthy economy.

Administration:

- Promote an organization that practices efficient and effective resource management and is recognized for responsiveness, strong customer orientation, accountability and transparency.

Health & Human Services:

- Improve health and quality of life through County supported policies, programs, and services; promoting access to equitable opportunities for healthy choices and healthy environments in collaboration with communities.

Infrastructure:

- Plan and develop a sustainable, physical infrastructure that improves the quality of life for County residents and supports economic development results.

Public Safety:

- Create a safe environment for people to achieve their potential, leading businesses and communities to thrive and grow by reducing violent crimes as well as crimes in general.

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