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PPF to Host Two Monkeypox Vaccine Clinics

Santa Barbara, Ca - In response to the Monkeypox (MPX) outbreak, Pacific Pride Foundation (PPF) announces two MPX vaccine clinics, in partnership with Planned Parenthood California Central Coast, Santa Barbara County Public Health Department, and other local health leaders:

Thursday, August 18

5PM-8PM

PPF Santa Barbara office 608 Anacapa St, Ste A. Santa Barbara

Thursday, August 25

5PM-8PM

PPF/FSA Santa Maria office

105 N Lincoln St, Santa Maria

Currently, the following groups are eligible for monkeypox vaccination in Santa Barbara County:

 Known close contacts of monkeypox cases who are identified by public health via case investigation, contact tracing, and risk exposure assessments. (Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP)) • Individuals with certain risk factors who are more likely to have been recently exposed to monkeypox even if they have not had documented exposure to someone with confirmed monkeypox, such as people who attended an event or venue where there was known monkeypox exposure. (Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP)++)

Doses are limited, and prioritization will be given to those who meet the eligibility requirements set by the state. Only those 18 and older can receive the vaccine.

For more information about MPX, please visit https://pacificpridefoundation.org/monkeypox/

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Pacific Pride Foundation (PPF) is a leading LGBTQ+ center between Los Angeles and San Francisco, serving more than 10,000 people each year throughout all of Santa Barbara County. With offices in Santa Maria and Santa Barbara, PPF partners with 35 educational and nonprofit agencies to provide a dynamic range of health, prevention, and social service programs, including programs for LGBTQ+ youth and older adults, counseling services, opioid response services, sensitivity and competency trainings, community events and advocacy on LGBTQ+ issues.

For more information or to make a donation please visit <u>pacific pridefoundation.org.</u>