



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Public Health Announces Monkeypox Vaccination Event for Sunday August 7**

Kern County Public Health is hosting a Monkeypox Vaccination Event on Sunday August 7, 2022 from 11am to 4pm at Kern County Public Health Services Building at 1800 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93306. This event is free to the community, and you must 18 years of age and older.

The risk of monkeypox to the general public continues to be low. Certain people may be at higher risk of a monkeypox infection and may be eligible for vaccination. If you are interested in determining your eligibility and scheduling an appointment, visit our website <https://kernpublichealth.com/monkeypox/> and click on the vaccination event information to complete a confidential survey.

Monkeypox is a rare disease that is caused by infection with the *Monkeypox virus*. Symptoms of monkeypox may include a rash that may look like pimples or blisters, fever, swollen lymph nodes, general body aches, or fatigue. People with a monkeypox infection may experience all or only a few of these symptoms. Monkeypox can be passed to others from the time symptoms start until all sores have healed and a fresh layer of skin has formed, which can take several weeks. Anyone who believes they have been exposed to monkeypox or has symptoms of monkeypox should contact a healthcare provider as soon as possible.