1. Are the side effects different when you receive the vaccine between the layers of the skin instead of beneath the skin?

People who receive the vaccine between the layers of skin (intradermal) may have itching, redness, swelling, and soreness where the vaccine was injected. Sometimes these side effects last for several weeks. These are expected reactions and suggest the vaccine is working.

2. I received my first dose beneath the skin. Can I receive the second dose between the layers of skin?

Yes, individuals over the age of 18 who received their first dose beneath the skin (subcutaneous) may receive the second dose between the layers of skin (intradermal) to complete the two-dose series.

3. If someone has monkeypox symptoms, should they get vaccinated?

No, people who have monkeypox symptoms should not get vaccinated, but they should talk to a healthcare provider about their symptoms.

4. Will the JYNNEOS vaccine give me or my child Monkeypox?

No, the JYNNEOS vaccine doesn't contain the monkeypox virus and cannot give people monkeypox.

5. Is the JYNNEOS vaccine effective at preventing monkeypox?

We do not have any data that demonstrate the effectiveness of JYNNEOS vaccine in this current outbreak. However, prior data from Africa suggest that JYNNEOS vaccine is at least 85% effective in preventing monkeypox.

6. Should I get the vaccine if I’ve already had monkeypox?

No, you don’t need the vaccine if you’ve had monkeypox because you have immunity from having the disease.

7. I got the first dose of vaccine and was infected later with monkeypox. Should I get the second dose?

No, you don’t need to get a second dose if you were infected with the virus after your first dose.

Note: Immunocompromised persons who are diagnosed with monkeypox after their first dose may be eligible to receive the second dose and should consult with their medical provider on a case-by-case basis.

8. When am I considered fully vaccinated for monkeypox?

You are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after receiving a second dose of the JYNNEOS vaccine.
9. When am I considered protected from monkeypox?

You are considered protected from monkeypox 14 days after your second dose of JYNNEOS. This is because it takes 14 days for immune protection to reach its maximum. Of note, neither one nor two doses of vaccine are 100% effective at preventing infection, so it is still important to continue to take other steps to reduce your risk.

10. Is the immune response the same when the vaccine is given between the layers of skin as it is when given beneath the skin?

Available data show that receiving the vaccine between the layers of the skin creates the same immune response to protect against monkeypox as receiving it beneath the skin.

11. Do minors require consent to get vaccine?

At DPH sites, minors between the ages of 12-17 may consent to receive the vaccine by signing this form. At DPH sites, youth under the age of 12 must be accompanied by their parent, legal guardian, or a responsible adult, and must have this consent form signed by a parent or legal guardian.

12. Can people under 18 years of age receive the vaccine between the layers of skin?

People under the age of 18 who are eligible to receive vaccine should be given the JYNNEOS vaccine as an injection beneath the skin (subcutaneous). However, if a person’s 18th birthday occurs between their first and second dose, the second dose may be given between the layers of skin (intradermal).