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Dear Health Care Provider:

An increase in mpox cases has been observed amongst BC-CfE Drug Treatment Program participants in the past 6 months. Individuals on HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) and persons living with HIV (PLWH) may be at an increased risk of mpox infection. ***The BC-CfE recommends the continued assessment of your clients for mpox vaccine eligibility.*** The National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) recommends that individuals at high risk of mpox should receive two doses of IMVAMUNE® administered at least 28 days apart.

Specifically in BC, eligibility criteria (as of January 15, 2025) for mpox vaccination are as follows:

Two-Spirit and transgender people, and cisgender males who self-identify as belonging to the gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men community, who

- Has sex with more than one partner
- Has sex with a partner who has more than one partner
- Has casual sex (e.g., cruising)
- Engages in sex work as a worker or client

Vaccination is available at no cost to eligible persons and recommended for those at increased risk and close contacts of a confirmed case.

Details on how to access IMVAMUNE® vaccine can be found here under the Prevention and Vaccination section: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/mpox#prevention>

Sincerely,

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