



MONKEYPOX: L.A. COUNTY ALERT

Monkeypox is serious. Something about it has changed. Why has monkeypox gone from isolation in a few African countries to a pandemic? While it isn't often deadly, it is not mild. Many people report that their symptoms are excruciating. We applaud Los Angeles for declaring a state of emergency but there is more to be done.

LOS ANGELES, WITH A HIGH CONCENTRATION OF CASES, FEW HAVE BEEN VACCINATED

Cooperation with the community is sorely lacking. AHF, the largest provider of HIV and STD services in Los Angeles, got our first vaccine on July 27th. Public health relies on public support and participation. Trusted representatives from the community are the best people to engage that support. Top-down approaches do not work. Why does government only turn to community as a last resort? It is time to invite the community in. It is our community, it is our health.

\$10 MILLION IN EMERGENCY FUNDING IS NEEDED TO FIGHT MONKEYPOX AND STDs NOW

Los Angeles County is responsible for the public's health. Infectious disease treatment needs to be scaled up drastically in conjunction with the community. Today is a golden opportunity to build a sustainable public health system for the next 50 years.

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