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## **HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATE ON MONKEYPOX VACCINE**

The demand we're seeing today is further proof of how proactive the LGBTQ+ community – and all New Yorkers – are when it comes to their health and seeking healthcare. New York City is among the first in the nation to offer monkeypox vaccinations and as of this afternoon, all available appointments are booked through Monday. We hope to make more appointments available soon. We are in talks with the CDC to obtain more doses and are looking into how we can boost our capacity citywide. We urge New Yorkers to check our website for more information. Healthcare is a human right, and the Department remains a committed partner in protecting the health of LGBTQ+ New Yorkers.

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