

FAQs for Primary Care Clinics on MPOX Consultations for Consumers within the Whanganui Rohe

What advice do I give if a patient presents or rings our clinic or pharmacy wanting the vaccine?

If a consumer asks you about how they can access the mpox consultation, please ask them to visit the Burnett Foundation website <https://www.burnettfoundation.org.nz/> to use the assessment tool which will tell them what to do next. If they cannot access the website, they can ring Healthline on 0800 116 672, 8am-8pm. This is a dedicated mpox number.

Where do people have to go for the MPOX vaccine in Whanganui?

The MPOX vaccine will be delivered by the Public Health Team at the Sexual Health Clinic Whanganui Hospital Outpatients Department, ground floor 100 Heads Road Whanganui on Thursday evenings from 5pm-8pm. The first clinic will be held on the 9th of February and will run until the 6th April. Clinics may be extended if required. Prescriptions will be arranged at the clinic, as a detailed consultation has to precede this.

What if people live rurally or have no transport? How can they access the vaccine?

Please contact Bruce Jones on 027 289 7313 who can work with you to facilitate this.

What if I see a person who thinks they've had a post MPOX vaccination reaction (E.g headache, injection site pain, nausea, fever)

These people can be assessed and seen as per your regular clinic process. They can also call Whakarongorau Aotearoa on (09) 354 774 for advice. Remember any adverse events need to be reported to CARM <https://nzphvc.otago.ac.nz/carm/>

Where can I find more information?

Please also utilise the Mpox Health pathways stream (under the infectious diseases tab) that provides excellent resources and contacts. [Mpox \(Monkeypox\) - Community HealthPathways Whanganui & MidCentral](#)

For specific local information, please contact Bruce Jones Immunisation Lead, Public Health Unit, Te Whatu Ora Whanganui on 027 289 7313.

Ministry Of Health website for clinicians: <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/mpox-monkeypox/mpox-monkeypox-information-clinicians>