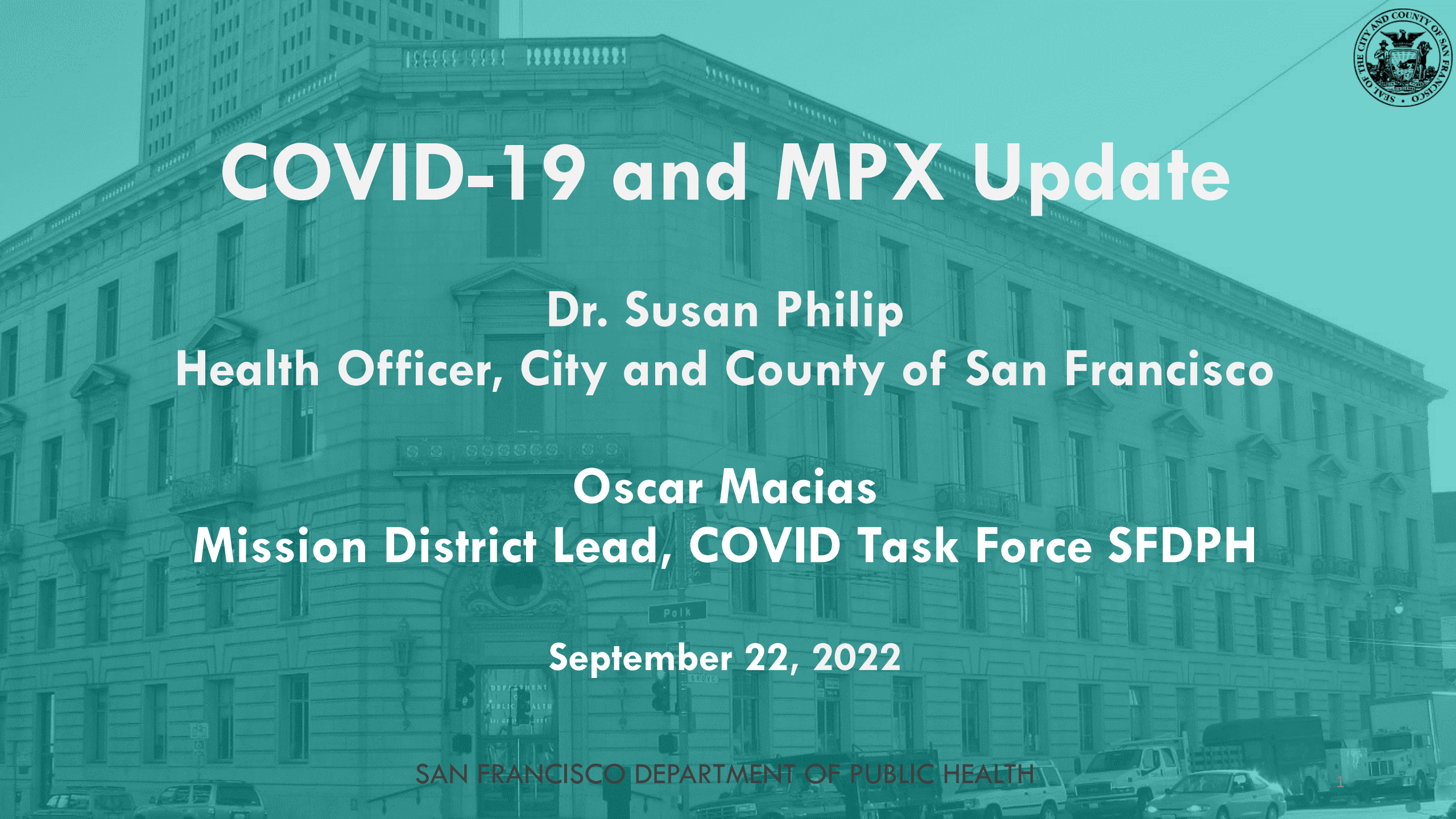


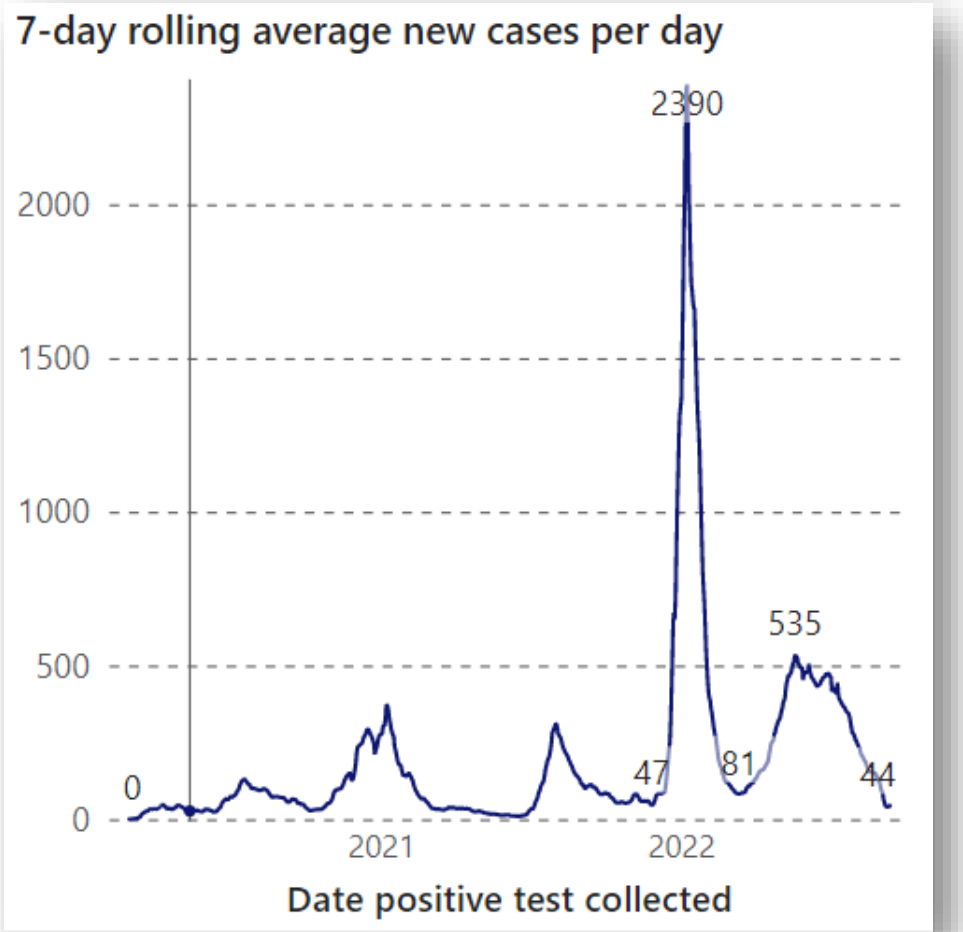
COVID-19 and MPX Update

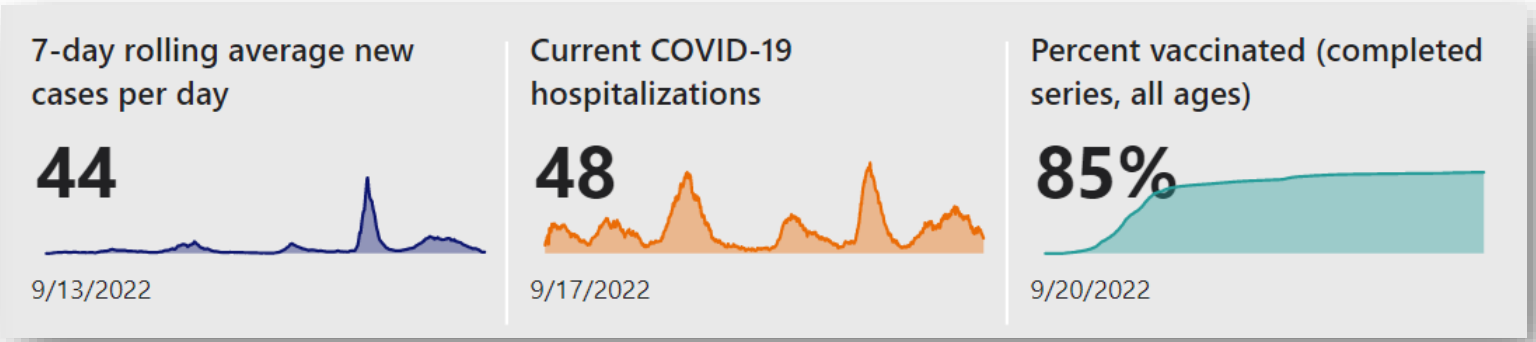
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Current State of COVID





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COVID-19 Vaccinations & Boosters

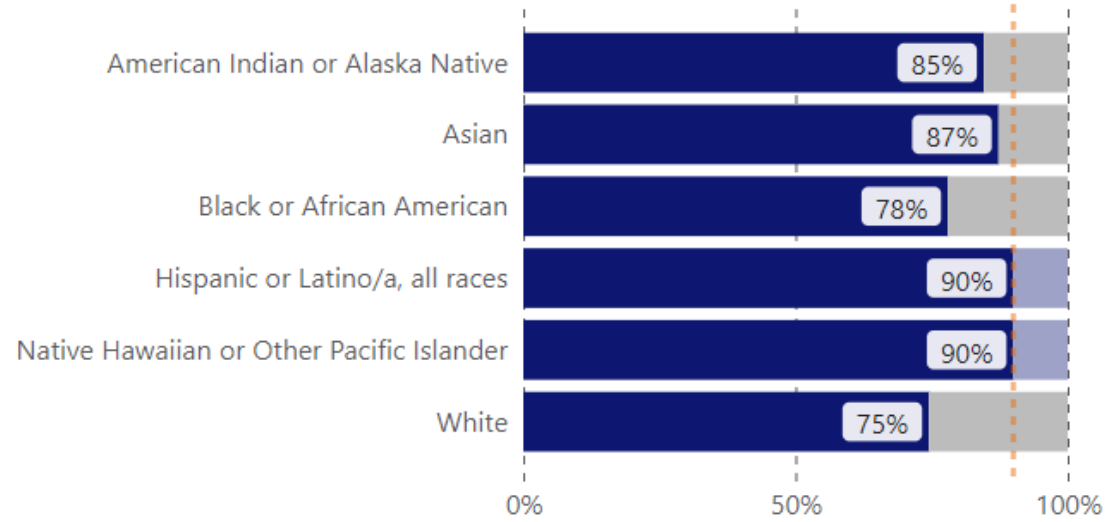
- SF has one of the highest vaccination rates in the country and among people of color
- As a result, less severe disease
- Seeing disparities in booster rates by race and ethnicity
- Waning immunity means people should get boosters when eligible to lessen chances of severe disease

Total residents vaccinated	All residents with at least one dose	All residents completed series
815,962	>90%	85%

Residents with at least one vaccine booster	Percent of residents with at least one vaccine booster
560,124	64%

Residents with a second booster dose	Percent of residents with a second booster dose
148,922	17%

Estimated percent of residents with a complete vaccine series, by race/ethnicity



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COVID-19 Updates and Recommendations

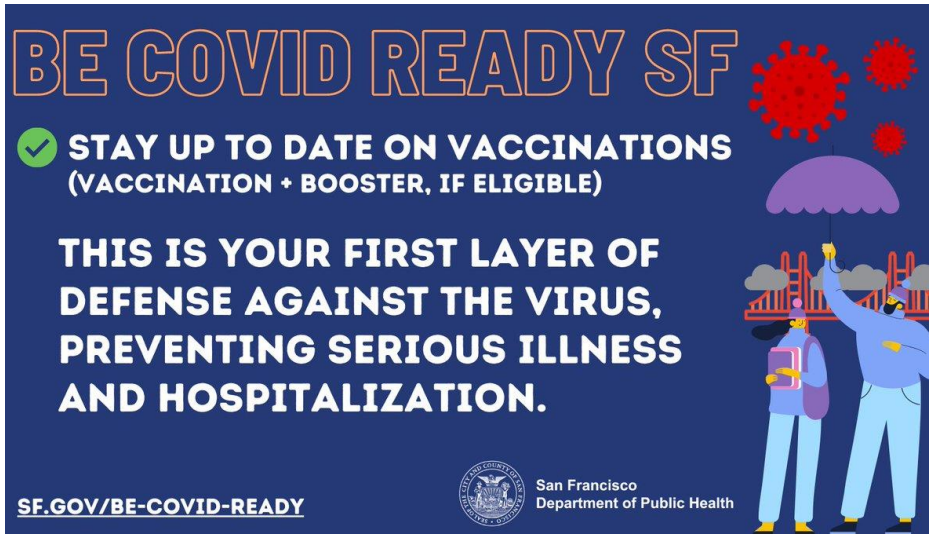
- COVID-19 case rates continue to decline and hospitalization rates are low.
- We want people to be prepared going into the holiday season with the best protection against the virus: vaccines.
- The new, bivalent boosters are designed to be more effective against the current COVID-19 variants present across the U.S. than the original, monovalent vaccine boosters.
- The original monovalent vaccines (Pfizer and Moderna) are still safe, effective, and fully approved for persons ages 12 years and up who need to complete a primary COVID-19 vaccine series.



COVID-19 Bivalent Boosters

- New COVID-19 "bivalent" booster is being rolled out at SFDPH-affiliated sites and by health systems and pharmacies. Those with health insurance are encouraged to reach out to their regular health care providers for the booster.
- Recommended for anyone age 12+ and whose most recent booster vaccine was at least 2 months earlier.
- Children ages 5-11 years who become eligible for a booster dose should still receive the original, monovalent ("one-strain") booster. *No booster doses are yet authorized for children younger than age 5 years.*
- Currently we are experiencing nationwide shortage of Moderna bivalent boosters – expected to affect SF for next several weeks. We encourage people to select the brand of vaccine that is available so they can increase their protection against COVID-19 this fall.





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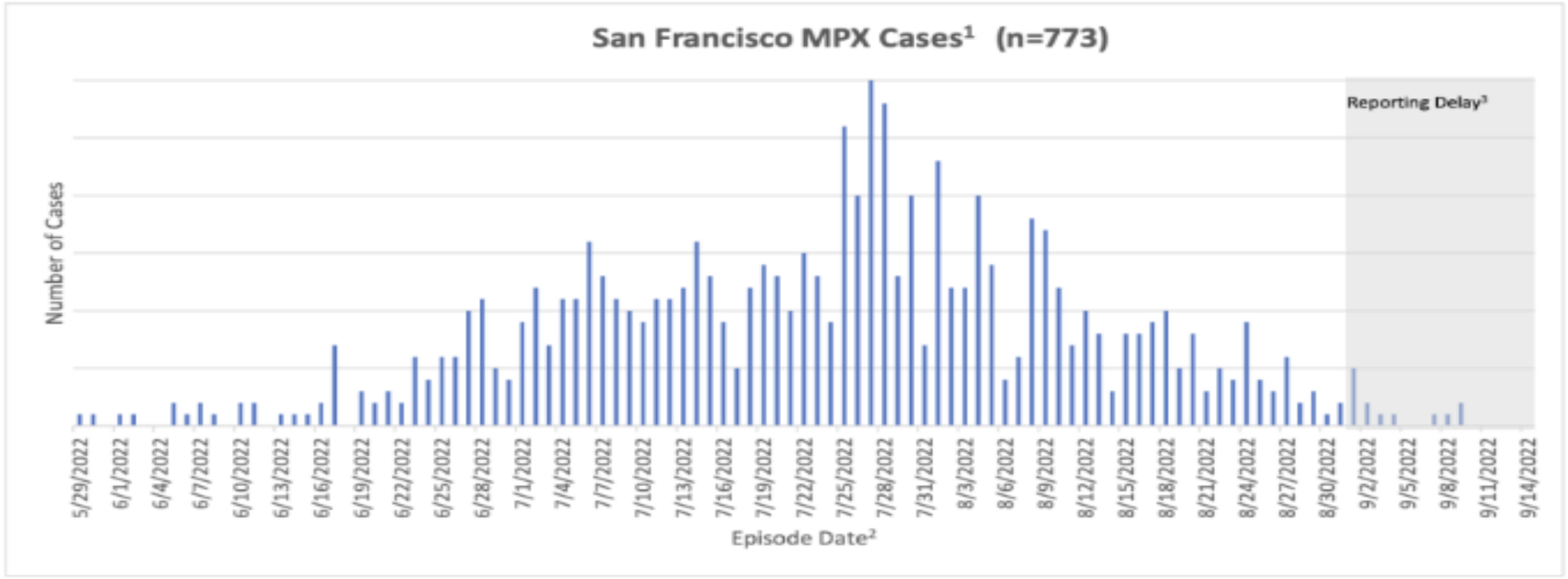
MPX Update
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MPX Renaming

- SFDPH now refers to the "monkeypox" virus as MPX
- Since the onset of the current MPX outbreak, we have urged the media, government officials, community partners and the community at-large to avoid stigmatizing a particular group or person when discussing the virus.
- Like any infectious disease, MPX can occur anywhere in the world and afflict anyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or country of origin.
- This name change reflects our values and has been implemented by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH).

MPX in SF

Total SF cases as of 9/18/22: **787**



Source: https://sf.gov/information/monkeypox-cases

MPX Demographics

Age Group (years)	% of Total MPX Cases
Less than 18	0.0%
18-24	3.4%
25-34	30.8%
35-44	38.4%
45-54	19.8%
55-64	6.5%
65+	1.2%

Gender Identity	% of Total MPX Cases
Female	0.6%
Male	95.7%
Trans Female	1.9%
Trans Male	<0.6%
Other	1.2%
Unknown	0.0%

Source: https://sf.gov/data/mpx-case-counts

Data as of 09/14/22

MPX Demographics

Sexual Orientation	% of Total MPX Cases
Heterosexual/Straight	2.3%
Gay, Lesbian, or same-gender loving	69.3%
Bisexual	3.8%
Other	0.8%
Unsure	<0.6%
Declined/Unknown	23.7%

Race/Ethnicity	% of Total MPX Cases	% of SF Population
American Indian/Alaska Native	<0.6%	0.2%
Asian	8.9%	33.9%
Black/African-American	6.2%	5.0%
Hispanic or Latinx, all races	27.9%	15.3%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	<0.6%	0.3%
White	45.4%	40.7%
Other/Multi	5.8%	4.7%
Unknown	5.2%	

Data as of 09/14/2022

Vaccine Current Eligibility

- Gay or bisexual men, or any man or trans person who has sex with men or trans people
- Persons of any age or any gender who have had close contact within the past 14 days with someone with suspected or confirmed MPX
- Persons who had close contact with others at a venue or event or within a social group within the past 14 days where a suspected or confirmed MPX case was identified. This includes persons who received notice from a venue or event of a potential exposure within the past 14 days
- Sex workers of any sexual orientation or gender identity
- Clinicians who have had a high-risk occupational exposure (e.g., examined MPX lesions or collected MPX specimens without using recommended personal protective equipment)

Temporary Eligibility Expansion

- We have **temporarily** expanded eligibility for the Jynneos vaccine across San Francisco vaccine sites to include eligible people who are visiting San Francisco from outside the Bay Area. The expansion will last until **October 2nd.**
- This temporary expansion will allow us to take advantage of a recent allotment of 10,000 doses from the Federal government to provide protection for people, including SF residents, who are attending upcoming community-based and large, public events associated with the Folsom Street Fair and Castro Street Fair.
- We are implementing a community strategy to reach those who are inequitably impacted by MPX, especially BIPOC and Latinx communities

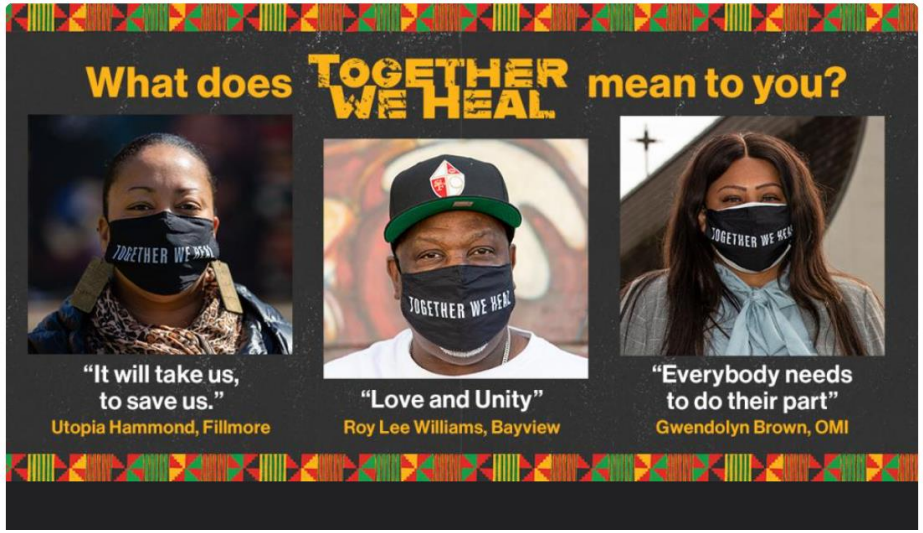
MPX Vaccine Resources

- Several Health systems are providing vaccines to their patients *and* the general public
- Drop-in vaccines for San Francisco residents who meet vaccine eligibility requirements:
  - **Zuckerberg SF General Learning Center (ZSFG clinic), 1001 Potrero Avenue, Building 30, 2nd Floor, San Francisco, Monday-Friday, 8am-noon. The ZSFG vax clinic at 1001 Potrero, Building 30**
- The following locations have supplies of Jynneos vaccine by appointment only:
  - **Adult Immunization And Travel Clinic (AITC) Patients Call: 415-554-2625**
  - **Strut Patients: Call 415-581-1600 (Sign-up For Waitlist)**
  - **Kaiser Permanente Patients And Non-patients: Call 415-833-9999**
  - **SF Health Network Patients: Call Your Provider Or Health Center Directly**
  - **UCSF Patients And Non-patients: Call 415-502-3566**
  - **Chinese Hospital Is Vaccinating Patients Now As Well**
  - **Unidos en Salud 24th & Capp** unitedinhealth.org

Our Work in the Community

San Francisco's COVID Response

- San Francisco's partnership with community-based organizations – including faith community – to keep people safe has become a national model in COVID response
- SFDPH continues to prioritize funding and resources toward highly impacted communities, and to people who are at high risk of severe disease
- COVID response is shifting toward primary health care. People can get medical support and resources for COVID at their health system provider
- SF's safety net in place for people who are disconnected from care, are uninsured, or undocumented with DPH community health centers and COVID Resource Center: 628-652-2700
- Urging personal preparedness through ***Be COVID Ready*** messaging campaign

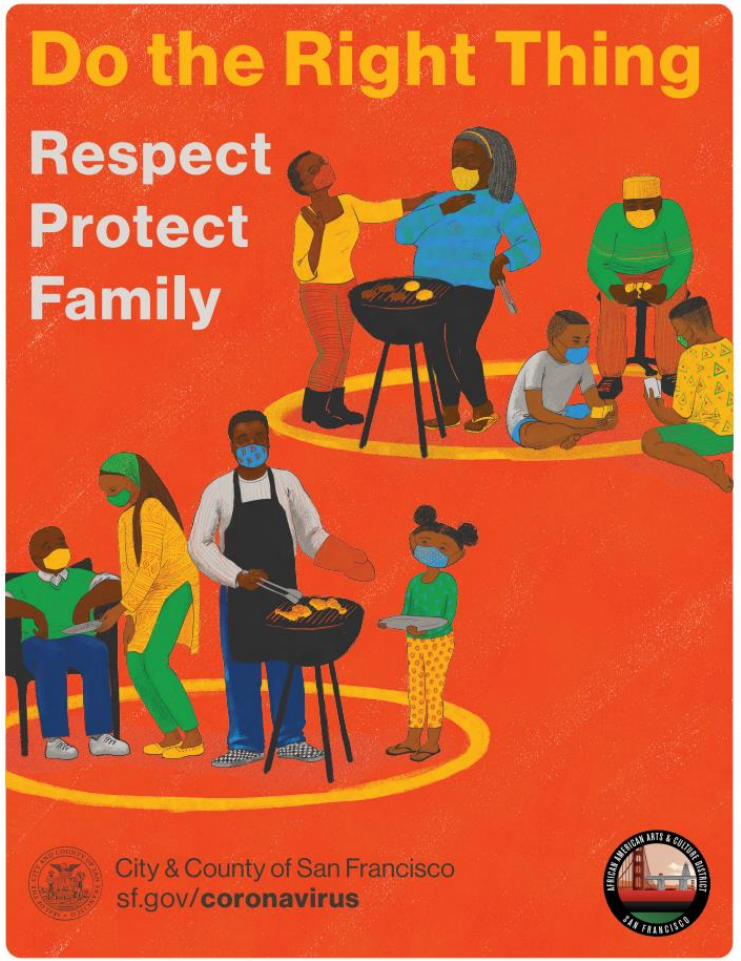




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Current SF Campaign Ads for BIPOC Community





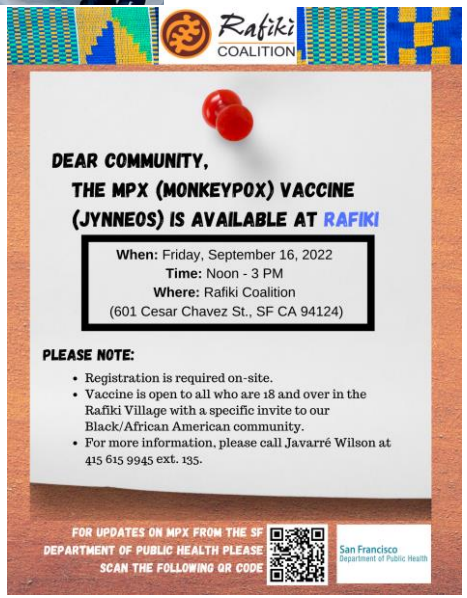


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MPX Equity Work

- Our priority is to maintain an **equity, rights, and evidence-based approach** throughout the response.
- Increases awareness while **actively countering stigma.**
- Open, affirmative and respectful conversation about health and issues to **support people at higher risk of infection.**
- Partner with CBOs to do **active outreach to those disproportionately impacted** by MPX, the uninsured or those experiencing historical inequities in access to services.
- Build on lessons learned from community during other infectious disease challenges such as COVID and HIV.

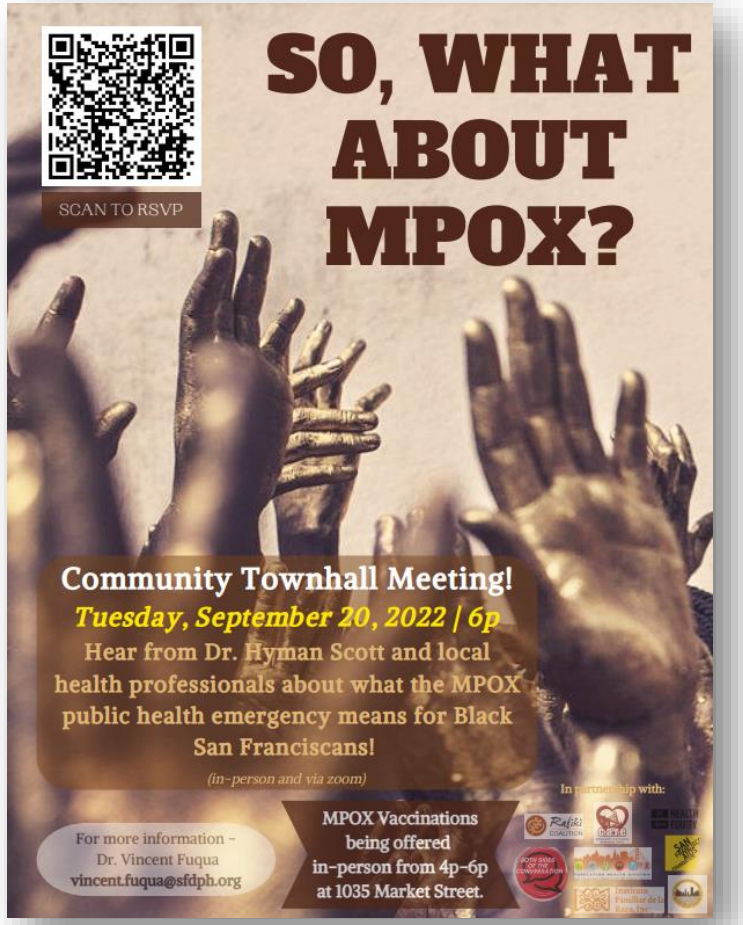




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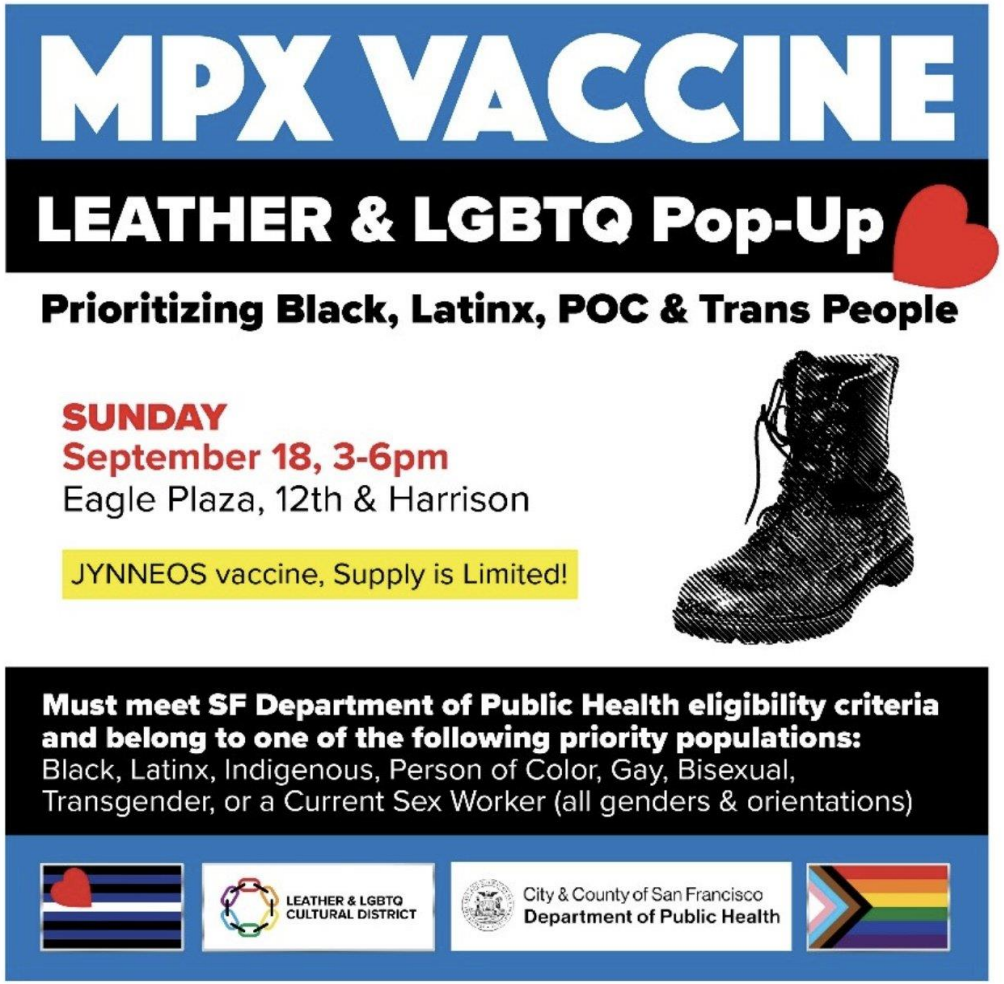
Working with Community Partners

- Weekly meetings with community partners to provide updates, present data, share information and have open discussions.
  - Weekly Community/Huddle Fridays at Noon
  - Weekly Newsletter To Community Groups:
    - Published on Fridays
    - To get on distribution list or huddle invite email MPX@sfdph.org
- Partnerships with CBOs that provide HIV services with a focus on BIPOC populations to ensure equitable access to vaccine by offering prioritized appointments.
- Ongoing surveys and brainstorming sessions to gather feedback from members of populations most affected on how to move forward with our efforts to prevent the spread of MPX.
- To date, we have presented or made public announcements to over **40 community groups/organizations and events**



Community Strategy

- We are collaborating with community partners at various venues to reach those most highly at risk and supporting pop-up vaccine clinics at neighborhood events
- MPX Vaccine Pop-Up Events Taken Place:
  - Leather and LGBTQ Cultural District, September 10, 11 and 18
  - Rafiki Coalition, September 16
  - Black/African American Townhall Meeting at SF AIDS Foundation, September 20
  - Club Papi's Pan Dulce Wednesday at Beaux Nightclub, September 21



Upcoming Pop-Up Vaccine Events

- Folsom Street Fair, September 25
- SF Pride at El Rio, 3158 Mission Street:
  - September 30 from 4pm to 8pm
  - October 7 from 4pm to 8pm
  - October 14 from 3pm to 7pm
- Castro Street Fair, October 2
- 1st and 2nd doses are available
- Will update sf.gov/mpx and social media with event information





Comments and Questions