

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
**SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON
MONKEYPOX HEARING**

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8/8 Total Cases*: 616 (*Not including Long Beach and Pasadena Health Jurisdictions)

Case Demographics (Data as of 8/5/22, 496 cases)

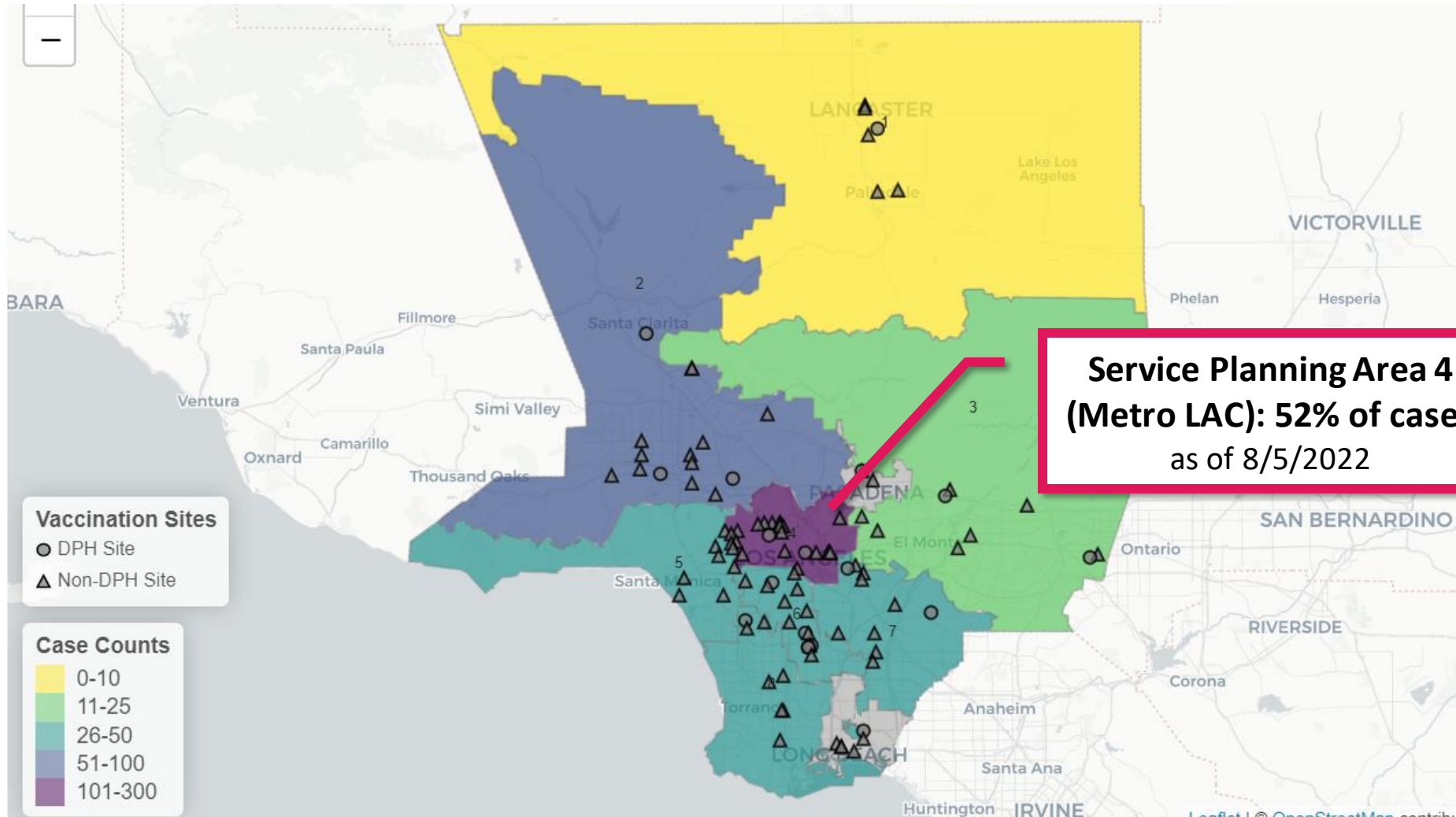
Gender	
Male	489 (99%)
Female	0-4 ¹
Transgender Male	0-4 ¹
Transgender Female	0-4 ¹
Gender Non-Conforming or Another Gender Identity	0-4 ¹
Unknown	0-4 ¹

1. Suppressed due to small cell sizes.

2. Includes persons who responded as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, or a different term. Excludes persons who did not understand the question or did not respond. Please note that transgender is not included in this classification because it is a gender identity and not a sexual orientation. Information on transgender individuals is listed in the section labeled "Gender".

Sexual Orientation	
LGBQ+ ²	420 (85%)
Straight or Heterosexual	9 (2%)
Unknown	67 (14%)
Race/Ethnicity	
American Indian or Alaska Native	0-4 ¹
Asian	23 (5%)
Black or African American	55 (11%)
Latino/Hispanic	170 (34%)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0-4 ¹
White	190 (38%)
Other/Multiracial	14 (3%)
Unknown	42 (8%)

Case Locations and Vaccination Sites



Monkeypox Response Strategies

TESTING

CONTACT TRACING

VACCINATION

OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT

COMMUNICATIONS



Testing

- Providing early diagnosis and linking affected individuals to healthcare services
 - DPH Sexual Health Clinics conducting testing
 - Public Health Lab processing specimen
 - Commercial labs processing specimen
- Supporting healthcare providers in diagnosing, treating, reporting, and educating patients

CHALLENGES

- Availability of testing supplies & trained staff
- Ensuring healthcare providers in a variety of settings were able to offer testing
- Maintaining lab capacity
- Ensuring quick turnaround of results
- Ongoing training of staff and providers

RESOURCES

- Sustained funding for lab operations and related supplies & training
- Incentives for providers and labs



Contact Tracing

- Conducting robust interviews of all cases
 - May need to modify our strategy if the number of cases surpasses our current capacity
- Monitoring contacts for signs and symptoms for 21 days after the last day of exposure
- Issuing Isolation Orders

CHALLENGES

- Insufficient staffing for contact tracing
- Redirecting staff from other responses and core public health activities
- Eliciting contacts

RESOURCES

- Sustained funding for contact tracers to identify others in the community at elevated risk
- Ongoing supports for daily living for individuals who must isolate



Vaccination

- Distribution and administration
 - Public Health clinics
 - Public Health Points-of-Dispensing (PODs)
 - Community PODs
 - Community/Hospital sites
 - Correctional sites
 - City of Long Beach
 - City of Pasadena
 - Targeted Outreach (PEH, CBOs, etc.)
- Technical assistance for vaccinators
 - Webinars & training materials
 - Office hours

CHALLENGES

- Limited vaccine supply and high demand
- Vaccine administration across a vast geography and many providers
- Building or enhancing data systems to efficiently manage/track local vaccine inventory with community providers (i.e., local allocation, receiving, distribution, inventory management, and reporting)

RESOURCES

- Funding & support for community health providers to administer vaccine and conduct outreach
- Ensure sufficient reimbursement for community health providers



Vaccine Eligibility in Los Angeles County

Monkeypox vaccine is available to gay or bisexual men and transgender persons 18 years of age and older who:

- Had multiple or anonymous sex partners in the last 14 days including engaging in survival and/or transactional sex (e.g., sex in exchange for shelter, food and other goods and needs)
 - **Note:** If you are immunocompromised (including if you have advanced or uncontrolled HIV), you may be at high risk for severe disease and will be prioritized for vaccination.

For more information on Monkeypox, visit: ph.lacounty.gov/media/Monkeypox/

Cumulative Vaccine Summary

Data as of 8/8/22

Doses Received:
43,290

Doses Distributed:
40,998

Doses Administered:
28,330

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Outreach & Engagement

- Information sharing and targeted vaccination strategies for high-risk populations
 - Men who have sex with men, people living with HIV, and others
 - Corrections
 - People Experiencing Homelessness (PEH)
 - Providers and interim housing partners
 - Community and faith-based efforts
 - Telebriefing calls
 - Mobile vaccination events
- Back-to-school planning
 - Telebriefings (e.g., K-12 group w/LACOE; school nurses)
 - COVID-related spaces (e.g., superintendent meetings)
 - Student well-being centers

CHALLENGES

- Limited staffing that must balance targeted outreach and messaging to the general population

RESOURCES

- Flexibility in funding to mobilize COVID-funded community health worker staff
- Funding for groups to conduct community outreach & education



Communications

- Social media
 - Training & sample messaging for Message Ambassadors
 - DPH Channels
- E-mail newsletter
- Media outreach and weekly media briefings
- Public Health Phone Line
- Print materials
 - Wallet cards

CHALLENGES

- Battling stigma & mistrust
- Consistent messaging across different channels
- Engaging trusted messengers
- Leveraging existing mechanisms

RESOURCES

- Sustained funding for communications (e.g., campaigns, marketing in population specific channels, like dating sites), translation, and interpretation services



Thank you!

