

From: [Justin Lippi](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Perkinson, Jessica \(BOS\)](#); astone@sfaf.org
Subject: Re: Monkeypox public comment
Date: Thursday, July 21, 2022 12:15:08 PM

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Thank you for holding the meeting on monkeypox today. I intended the comments below to go into public comment but I think I may have addressed them incorrectly. I'd appreciate if you took a read.

key points:

- We need more communication on what exactly constitutes risk and how unvaccinated individuals can reduce risk for themselves and their community.
- I would like to hear more about TPOXX and how to make it available.

On Thu, Jul 21, 2022 at 10:15 AM Justin Lippi <jlippi@gmail.com> wrote:

My name is Justin Lippi, I'm an 8 year San Francisco resident, and a queer person at moderate risk for monkeypox. A number of my friends have contracted it.

Thank you to our elected leaders for the urgency in getting vaccines in arms.

While that work isn't done, I want to point out that I haven't heard much about TPOXX access, and a lot of people (myself included) are still unclear about how exactly this is spreading.

Until everyone who wants to can be vaccinated, we need clear communications about skin-to-skin vs sexual transmission - can we still go out to clubs and parties if we stop having sex, or will that not help? How can risk during street fair season be best mitigated?

From: [Michael Rouppet](#)
To: [Perkinson, Jessica \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Ande Stone](#)
Subject: Government Audit & Oversight Committee - Monkeypox Public Comment - File #220780
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Dear Supervisors,

My name is Michael Rouppet, and I am a person living with HIV, queer, and an advocate who lives in District 9. I am submitting public comment because I am very concerned about the spread of Monkeypox in our city and the lack of vaccines available to those most at risk including Gay, Bi, and queer men, sex workers, and our trans community.

San Francisco is currently experiencing an increasing outbreak. The number of monkeypox cases in the city has risen to 141, up from 86 cases just a few days ago, amounting for nearly a third of the total number of confirmed cases in the entire state. In fact, the number of cases in our city are higher than the total number of cases in most states.

As a long-term HIV/AIDS survivor, I have seen numbers like these affecting our communities and ask for your action today.

For these reasons I urge San Francisco to increase transparency and share information with the community about the Monkeypox outbreak including who within the community is getting Monkeypox and who is getting vaccinated in order to better understand and target our public health interventions to address disparities that may arise.

I urge you to also continue to advocate with state and federal public health agencies to ensure San Francisco has expanded access to vaccines, testing and treatment.

Sincerely,

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To: [Perkinson, Jessica \(BOS\)](#)
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Dear Supervisors,

My name is Lane Bourn, and I am a gay man who lives in San Francisco and a long-time advocate fighting for queer rights and the right of people living with HIV/AIDS.

I am absolutely HORRIFIED at the spread of monkeypox in SF. Our abysmal vaccine access and public information efforts has hit those most at risk hardest: our queer men, sex workers, and trans friends and neighbors.

The outbreak we are experiencing is growing exponentially, and that's only the cases we have numbers for. The true numbers are undoubtedly significantly higher. Testing access is, frankly, pathetic.

We have been failed by our health leaders, and now we're playing catch-up. We have to get ahead of this while we still can, and the window to do so is closing rapidly.

The true cost of monkeypox to my city and my community is immeasurable. People are scared. Events are cancelled, lives are disrupted, jobs and livelihoods are at risk. This virus causes immense physical and emotional pain and suffering, and we're beginning to see increasing anti-gay backlash.

SF needs to increase awareness and share information with the community about the monkeypox outbreak ASAP. We also need demographic data about who is catching monkeypox and who is getting the vaccine in order to improve our public health response.

I implore you to continue to advocate with state and federal public health agencies to ensure San Francisco has expanded access to vaccines, testing and treatment.

Sincerely,

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