

**From:** [Gabriel Desjardins](#)  
**To:** [Colfax, Grant \(DPH\)](#); [Tenner, Andrea \(DPH\)](#); [Philip, Susan \(DPH\)](#); [Board of Supervisors. \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: "San Franciscans Should Take Basic Actions to be Prepared for Future Changes in COVID-19"  
**Date:** Thursday, July 21, 2022 2:37:34 PM  
**Attachments:** [image.png](#)

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# Indoor Masking Safety Measures

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Monkeypox is getting into childcare environments now:

[https://www.wandtv.com/news/cuphd-investigates-a-case-of-monkeypox-at-rantoul-daycare/article\\_87a8f734-14f5-11ed-93b1-3f580b7ec602.html](https://www.wandtv.com/news/cuphd-investigates-a-case-of-monkeypox-at-rantoul-daycare/article_87a8f734-14f5-11ed-93b1-3f580b7ec602.html)

What are you doing to stop it?

A: Nothing

Ok, no surprise. Let's just wait until there's a huge outbreak and kids are disfigured or die.

Great.

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**From:** [Curtis Bradford](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Stone, Ande](#)  
**Subject:** Board of Supervisors - Monkeypox Public Health Emergency Public Comment - File #220908  
**Date:** Monday, August 8, 2022 10:29:39 AM

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Dear Supervisors,

My name is Curtis Bradford , co-Chair Tenderloin People's Congress. I am also a gay man living with HIV and a frontline community organizer working with underserved and marginalized populations. I am submitting public comment because I am very concerned about the spread of Monkeypox (MPX) in our city and the lack of urgency exhibited by government agencies in the response, especially the lack of equitable distribution of vaccines, antiviral TPOXX treatment and supportive care available to those most at risk including Gay, Bi and queer men, sex workers, our trans community and those experiencing homelessness. I also find it concerning that early on despite growing case numbers SFDPH made an active choice not to prioritize contact tracing of cases, a fundamental public health tool made even more vital given the lack of vaccines.

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I personally have been told by my Primary Care Physician that I meet the criteria for the vaccine, I am in the high risk group, and I've already had a Monkeypox scare and had to be tested. Yet, still I haven't been able to get vaccinated, despite trying to figure out how to get it. I cannot take off work to go stand in line for 8 hours and maybe still not get the vaccine and I haven't been able to find an appointment anywhere close to me to get vaccinated. Really, I'm not even sure how to get that information about where and how I can get vaccinated despite a number given me by my PCP through Kaiser that actually didn't work. I still have no idea how and when I can get a vaccine.

For these reasons I urge the Board of Supervisors to ratify this public health declaration, to increase transparency and share information with the community about how local agencies are coordinating their response to address the MPX outbreak. Additionally, I urge the Board to demand for clarification of public health policies that helped us to tackle COVID19 disparities which must be applied now to support a robust public health response, including

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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,

Curtis Bradford, c0-Chair Tenderloin People's Congress



**From:** [Lia Paradiso](#)  
**To:** [astone@sfaf.org](mailto:astone@sfaf.org); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Board of Supervisors - Monkeypox Public Health Emergency Public Comment - File #220908  
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My name is Lia Paradiso, and I am a PERSON/Frontline HIV Worker/ Advocate. I am submitting public comment because I am very concerned about the spread of Monkeypox (MPX) in our city and the lack of urgency exhibited by government agencies in the response, especially the lack of equitable distribution of vaccines, antiviral TPOXX treatment and supportive care available to those most at risk including Gay, Bi and queer men, sex workers, our trans community and those experiencing homelessness. I also find it concerning that early on despite growing case numbers SFPD made an active choice not to prioritize contact tracing of cases, a fundamental public health tool made even more vital given the lack of vaccines.

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*[There are participants at our navigation center coming down with MPX. You have not been giving us site wide vaccine. Dining that trans wome have been affected We have no way to quarantine them. We have no protocols to send people to the doctor. No protocols period. We are suppose to be helping people but DPH is failing us in every way. This comes on the heels of covid and after the grave mishandling of the AIDS*

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**From:** [Irving Ling](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Ande Stone](#)  
**Subject:** Board of Supervisors - Monkeypox Public Health Emergency Public Comment - File #220908  
**Date:** Monday, August 8, 2022 10:57:24 AM

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Dear Supervisors,

My name is Irving Ling, and I am a queer physician of color deeply concerned about the health and healthcare of my community. I am submitting public comment because I am very concerned about the spread of Monkeypox (MPX) in our city and the lack of urgency exhibited by government agencies in the response, especially the lack of equitable distribution of vaccines, antiviral TPOXX treatment and supportive care available to those most at risk including Gay, Bi and queer men, sex workers, our trans community and those experiencing homelessness.

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I have heard from patients and friends about the long wait times for both vaccinations as well as testing and recognize that for many people, especially those most marginalized may not have the time or resources to get the care and protection they need while we are in epidemic that is already superimposed on an ongoing pandemic. The inaccessibility to vaccines also contributes to growing stigma, particularly as narratives around monkeypox are being weaponized politically to further deteriorate legal protections for LGBTQ people across the country.

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**To:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [astone@sfa.org](mailto:astone@sfa.org)  
**Subject:** Board of Supervisors - Monkeypox Public Health Emergency Public Comment - File #220908  
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Good morning Supervisors,

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We need a standard for dealing with MPX amongst different industries like hospitality and healthcare. We cannot compromise the number of doses we will provide by splitting one dose into 5. There is zero empirical evidence to support this and you must make sure we have 70000+ doses for the LGBTQ community in SF. We cannot be expected to return 10 times for a complete vaccine regiment.

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Thank you for your work,

**Daniel Vainish**  
(408)368-5554

**From:** [Jam Chen](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Ande Stone](#)  
**Subject:** Board of Supervisors - Monkeypox Public Health Emergency Public Comment - File #220908  
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