

To	General Practices, Pharmacists, After-Hours Centres and Emergency Departments in the Wairarapa regions
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Title:	Mpox pop-up vaccination clinics - Wairarapa

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Do you have patients eligible for the mpox vaccine?

Let them know they can get their 1st FREE vaccine in the Wairarapa on 4th December. Places are LIMITED.

9:15 - 11:30am at Masterton Medical
1:00 - 3:30 pm at Five Rivers Medical Centre, Greytown
To BOOK a mpox vaccine appointment call (04) 570 9691

Background

Although the numbers of mpox cases in NZ are low there is an ongoing global outbreak and there have been 1,287 cases in Australia in 2024. The mpox vaccine is recommended and FREE for people (aged 18 years and over) at highest risk of infection this is:

- Gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men (MSM)
- Transgender, cisgender and non-binary people who have sex with MSM
- Sexual partners and people who live in the same household of a person infected with mpox
- Laboratory workers culturing the mpox virus, as determined by their employer.

People aged under 18 and at risk of getting mpox, can receive the vaccine but need a prescription.

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Mpox vaccine

Two doses of the Jynneos vaccine are recommended, a minimum of 30 days apart. Protection starts from 2 weeks after your first dose. Jynneos is a third generation live, non-replicating vaccine (used for smallpox and mpox) that is safe to use immunocompromised people, including those living with HIV.

Jynneos vaccine effectiveness measured in 2022 is ~ 76% (95% CI 64-88%) after one dose and 82% (72-92%) after two doses in predominantly GBMSM aged 18-49 years.

Breakthrough cases following vaccination are mostly mild with low number of lesions. Reinfection has also been described. The vaccine can decrease severity of illness, risk for hospitalisation, and even death among those who are immunocompromised. People previously vaccinated against smallpox are still recommended to have a full two-dose course as efficacy wanes over time.

Clinic dates and times	Dose 1	Dose 2
Masterton Medical	9:15 - 11:30am 4th December	9:15 - 11:30am 15th January 2025
Five Rivers Medical centre, Greytown	1:00 - 3:30 pm 4th December	1:00 - 3:30 pm 15th January 2025

Further information is available at:

- Mpox Health New Zealand [accessible here](#)
- Screening guide: mpox vaccine Jynneos [accessible here](#)
- [Jynneos - Immunisation Advisory Centre](#)
- Burnett Foundation mpox information [accessible here](#)