

Monkeypox Surveillance Report

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Introduction

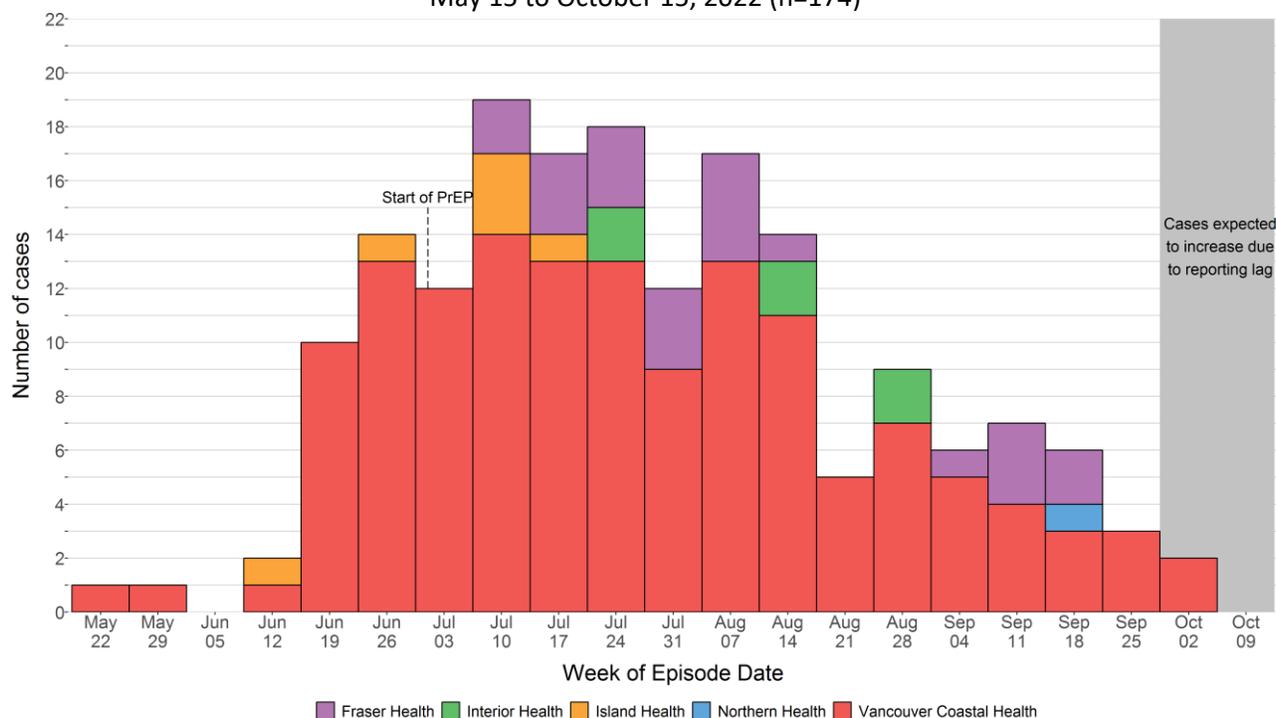
This summary is prepared at the BCCDC in collaboration with regional health authorities in BC. Epidemiological data are summarized to provide an understanding of the public health risk of Monkeypox. Data in this summary are based on confirmed cases reported to BCCDC by Health Authorities as of the date and time indicated above. The information in this report may be incomplete for the more recent cases. The current case definitions are available on the [BCCDC website](#).

Overview

- The total number of confirmed monkeypox cases is 175. The weekly incidence has been stable during July and August, and is starting to decline.
- Over 3,500 monkeypox virus tests have been performed in BC.
- For the vast majority of cases, the most likely mode of transmission was person-to-person transmission through close, intimate contact during sexual activity.
- Over 20,000 doses of Imvamune® vaccine have been administered in BC.

Epidemiological Curve

Figure 1. Confirmed monkeypox cases by week of episode date¹ and health authority, BC, May 15 to October 15, 2022 (n=174)



¹ Episode date is the date of the earliest symptom if known, else lab specimen collection date.

Exposure Information

During the public health investigation of monkeypox cases, potential exposures are assessed to better understand sources of infection.

- Based on the exposure information collected, for the vast majority of cases the most likely mode of transmission was person-to-person transmission through close, intimate contact during sex.
- A quarter of all cases had a known contact either with a monkeypox case, a person with symptoms compatible with monkeypox symptoms, or with materials contaminated with monkeypox virus.
- Most cases didn't travel out of BC during the 21 days preceding their illness onset, suggesting acquisition in BC.

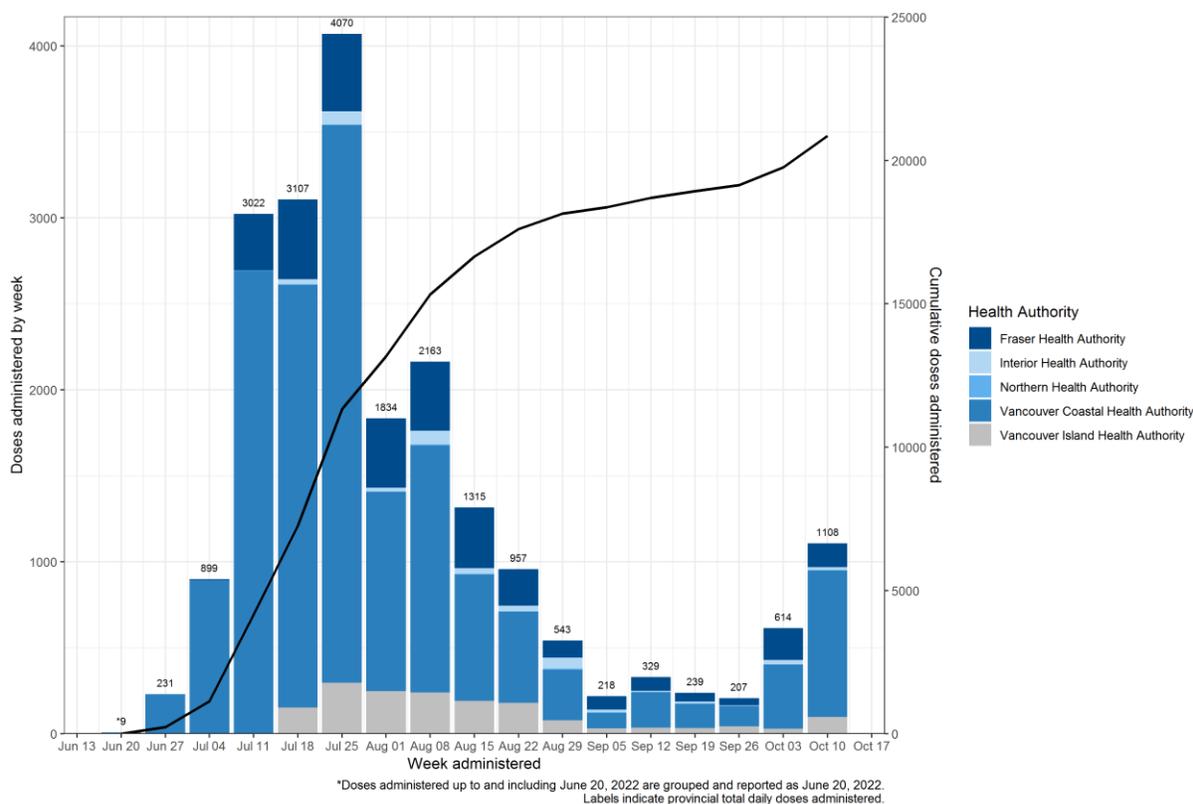
Monkeypox Vaccination Campaign

Table 1. Total IMVAMUNE® doses administered by health authority

Health Authority	Doses Administered
Fraser Health	3,290
Northern Health	41
Vancouver Coastal	15,455
Island Health	1,663
Interior Health	416
Total	20,865

Source: Provincial Immunization Registry (PIR), data extracted October 17, 2022 at 9:30 am.²

Figure 2. IMVAMUNE® doses administered by week and health authority and cumulative doses administered



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² Delays exist between vaccine administration and documentation into the PIR, therefore these data likely underrepresent total doses provided.