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Regarding:
hMPXV -CDC UPDATE

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ALERT

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Dear Colleagues,

In Oregon, 33% of people diagnosed with hMPXV were living with HIV. Approximately 90% of people diagnosed with hMPXV and living with HIV in Oregon were virally suppressed (i.e., had an undetectable viral load indicating effective antiretroviral treatment). Six percent had CD4 counts less than 200 cells/mm³, an indication of a compromised immune system or AIDS and a greater risk of complications from hMPXV.

We'd like to call to your attention a recent CDC Health Alert network notification aimed at informing healthcare providers that:

- 1) Severe manifestations of monkeypox have been observed in the United States in the current outbreak.
- 2) People who are immunocompromised due to HIV or other conditions are at higher risk for severe manifestations of monkeypox than people who are immunocompetent.
- 3) Because people with HIV-associated immunocompromise are at risk for severe manifestations of monkeypox, the HIV status of all sexually active adults and adolescents with suspected or confirmed monkeypox should be determined.
- 4) There are diagnostic and clinical management strategies that may help address severe manifestations of monkeypox.

Please go to the MCHHS website for the CDC HAN document for the complete notification.

<https://www.co.marion.or.us/HLT/PH/Epid/Pages/Alerts.aspx>

Best,
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