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# ALERT

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Regarding: hMPXV Testing Alert

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Comments: Marion County Health & Human Services (MCHHS) is issuing this health alert as community transmission of hMPXV (Monkeypox virus) continues in the Willamette Valley.

## We are asking clinicians

Consider monkeypox as a possible diagnosis for anyone with a compatible clinical presentation, especially in the setting of intimate or other skin-to-skin contact with an individual known or suspected to have monkeypox (similar rash). hMPXV testing should also be considered for individuals with atypical rash and epidemiologic risk factors, and can be done concurrently and [epidemiologic risk factors](#), and can be done concurrently with tests for other conditions.

## For possible cases

- Take a good history, including:
  - Recent domestic or international travel; good sexual history including not only number and timing of partners, but use of apps to meet partners, attendance of bathhouses or sex clubs, any anonymous partners, etc.
  - Date of onset of symptoms, which [Signs and Symptoms | Monkeypox | Poxvirus | CDC](#) are present, and for a rash, what parts of the body are affected.
  - Relevant comorbidities (immune compromise, pregnancy or HIV)
  - Race/ethnicity, gender identity and sexual orientation
  - County of residence and other contact information
- Advise patient on home isolation precautions ) <https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/clinicians/infection-control-home.html#:~:text=Isolate%20in%20a%20room%20or,separate%20utensils%20if%20properly%20washed>. and instructions for the individual being tested and for those they live with.
- Advise them to make a list of individuals they have spent time with / had contact with since the onset of symptoms (either rash or fever, headache, muscle aches, chills, malaise, fatigue). Let them know that if the result is positive, a public health contact tracer will reach out to them and review these details to help determine if anyone is eligible for post-exposure prophylaxis.
- Take a picture of the rash if possible

When clinically indicated, please obtain specimens for hMPXV testing at the earliest opportunity to help control the spread of hMPXV in our region. For detailed information about specimen collection, storage, and shipment, , consult the following guidance on specimen collection and transport: [www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/clinicians/prepcollection-specimens.html](http://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/clinicians/prepcollection-specimens.html). For more information about proper personal protective equipment (PPE), environmental cleaning and disinfection, and waste management, consult the following guidance on infection prevention and control: <https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/clinicians/infection-control-healthcare.html>.

OHA is no longer requesting reporting of suspect hMPXV cases at the time testing is ordered.