

Monkeypox Suspect Case Checklist

Triage Precautions

- Inform patients to notify clinic ahead of time regarding any rash evaluation
- If the health center has a triage process that will allow for an initial virtual evaluation for such cases
- If you have a suspected monkeypox patient present to the clinic in person, have a system to allow triage with minimal contact and follow the checklist below

Patient Precautions

- Have suspect patient wear a mask and cover any exposed skin lesions prior to arrival
- Do not place suspect patient in general waiting area if possible
- Place suspect patient directly into a closed, single-person room with a dedicated toilet

Health Care Personnel Precautions

- Prior to seeing a suspect patient, health care personnel should do:
 - Gown
 - Gloves
 - eye protection
 - N95 or higher level respirator mask
- Pregnant or immune-compromised staff should avoid interacting with suspect patients

Patient History and Presentation

- Determine if, in the last 21 days, they have:
 - Had contact, including sexual, with anyone with a rash or confirmed/probable monkeypox
 - Traveled outside the US or to a state with monkeypox cases
 - Had contact with a dead or live wild animal or exotic pet endemic to Africa
- Examine patient for deep-seated and well-circumscribed lesions, often with central umbilication
- Take a picture of the rash if possible
- Contact your local health department immediately to discuss best way to
 - Collect lab specimens
 - Isolation guidance for the patients
 - Process for obtaining post exposure prophylaxis and treatment if needed

If the rash is characteristic or the patient meets any of the exposure criteria above and has symptoms of monkeypox, contact your local health department prior to collecting diagnostic specimens