



**Yamhill County**  
**Health and Human Services**  
**Public Health**

# ALERT

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Health Care Providers**

To: Health Care Providers in Yamhill County

From: Yamhill County Public Health

Date: **July 11, 2022**

Regarding: *Community transmission of hMPXV  
(Monkeypox virus) within Oregon*

Phone number for follow-up: **(503) 434-7483**



**State of Oregon**  
Health Alert Network

Colleagues,

Community transmission of hMPXV (Monkeypox virus) within Oregon has been documented. Cases in Oregon and internationally have predominantly involved prolonged, skin-to-skin contact with others primarily in social networks in which hMPXV is circulating, including men who have sex (MSM) with men.

With recent expansion of commercial laboratory testing for *Orthopoxvirus*, the Oregon Health Authority will no longer require prior approval for testing, including that by the Oregon State Public Health Laboratory.

In order to decrease the potential for falsely positive test results, we ask that you consider the clinical presentation and any relevant epidemiologic risk factors as outlined in the CDC hMPXV suspect case definition, available at: [www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/clinicians/case-definition.html](http://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/clinicians/case-definition.html)

If you decide to test a patient, consult the following guidance on specimen collection and transport: [www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/clinicians/prep-collection-specimens.html](http://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/clinicians/prep-collection-specimens.html)

Please also share with suspect hMPXV patients the following guidance on home isolation: [www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/DISEASESCONDITIONS/DISEASESAZ/Documents/monkeypox/Patient\\_letter\\_tested\\_for\\_MPXV.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/DISEASESCONDITIONS/DISEASESAZ/Documents/monkeypox/Patient_letter_tested_for_MPXV.pdf)

Also, to better coordinate care for these patients and ensure timely public health interventions for hMPXV cases and their contacts, please share the following information with us when you order *Orthopoxvirus* testing.

- Clinician name, phone number, and e-mail
- Patient Name, phone number, and address
- Patient date of birth mm/dd/yyyy
- Patient county of residence (or state, if not an Oregon resident)
- Patient sex, and sexual orientation
- Patient race and ethnicity
- Symptom onset date: mm/dd/yyyy

- In the 21 days prior to symptom onset:
  - - Contact with anyone else with similar rash or suspected/confirmed hMPXV? (Y, N, UNK)
    - Close or intimate in-person contact with someone in a social network experiencing hMPXV activity, including men who have sex with men (MSM)? (Y, N, UNK)
    - Travel internationally or out of state? (Y, N, UNK)
  - Any notable co-diagnoses or comorbidities? (i.e., immune compromise/HIV)? (Y, N, UNK)

You can share this information by calling the Oregon Public Health Division 24/7 on-call line: 971-673-1111; or enter the information in our secure clinician reporting portal at: <https://epiweb.oha.state.or.us/fmi/webd/Memento%20Morbi?homeurl=http://healthoregon.org/howtoreport>

Many thanks for your assistance in this response!

This message was sent to Local and tribal health administrators, health officers, communicable disease nurses, public health emergency preparedness coordinators, hospitals, county emergency managers, ACDP, and ORCD1 list.

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- **Others within your organization.**
- **Professionals within your health, preparedness, and response affiliations.**

**Oregon 24/7 disease reporting: 971-673-1111**