



Monkeypox Resource for Clinics: Patient Screening Process

Healthcare clinic leadership and staff should prepare for patients presenting with suspected or actual Monkeypox virus (MPX). Clinics include but are not limited to adult and pediatric well/sick clinics, college health clinics, or immediate care clinics. This resource applies to any persons positive for orthopox virus while awaiting confirmation of MPX. Nebraska ICAP has developed this comprehensive resource to aid rapid **Identification, Isolation, and Informing**.

This resource is to be used concurrently with the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) Infection Prevention and Control of Monkeypox in Healthcare Settings](#). CDC guidelines for MPX should be reviewed frequently for updates.

CDC link: <https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/clinicians/infection-control-healthcare.html>

This resource includes:

- Monkeypox Screening Form: This can be altered to reflect the workflow and staffing mix of the facility (pg. 2)

Supporting resources:

- Link: NE ICAP Monkeypox Clinic Workflow [Monkeypox-Clinic-Workflow.pdf \(nebraskamed.com\)](#)
- Additional Patient Screening Considerations (pg. 3)

Please contact [Nebraska ICAP](#) at 402-552-2881 or at <https://icap.nebraskamed.com/> for questions or assistance with promoting appropriate infection control practices.

Sincerely,

NE ICAP Team



Monkeypox Virus (MPX) Screening Form

This form can be adapted based on type of facility, patient population, services provided, and workflow

Call-in/Front Desk: Any/all calls for patient reporting any of the below symptoms, forward call to triage RN or provider:

Triage RN or Provider: Ask the patient if they are experiencing the following signs/symptoms:

Yes	No	Unk		Date Started (if known)/Comments
			An unexplained acute rash or one or more acute lesions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When rash started • Where rash is located • Rash description <p style="font-size: small;">A rash that can look like pimples or blisters and may be painful or itch that may be located on or near the genitals (penis, testicles, labia, and vagina) or anus (butthole) but could also be on other areas like the hands, feet, chest, face, or mouth. (CDC)</p>	
			Acute onset of fever 100.4 °F [38 °C] (CDC)	
			Chills	
			Swollen lymph nodes	
			Muscle aches and backache	
			Headache	
			Respiratory symptoms (e.g., sore throat, nasal congestion, or cough)	
			Details of potential exposure: (WHO- case investigation form) Circle all that apply <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Household • Workplace • School/nursery • Healthcare setting (including laboratory exposure) • Night club/private party/sauna with sexual contact • Bar/restaurant or other small event where there was no sexual contact • Large event with no sexual contact (e.g., Festival or sports event) • Large event with sexual contact • Unknown • Other, specify: 	
			Other symptoms: if yes, please specify	

If any of the above-mentioned categories are reported “yes”, further evaluation may be needed. Depending on the reported signs and symptoms, exposures, and potential risk factors, Monkeypox related infection prevention and control precautions may need to be initiated



Additional Patient Screening Considerations

- Facilities will need to identify a process for screening patients for suspected/actual MPX. The process is based on several factors, including but not limited to:
 - Staffing and staffing mix (recognizing scope of practice limitations)
 - Facility workflow and scheduling
 - Facility leadership and staff staying abreast of any changes in information published by the FDA, CDC, WHO and local/state health departments
- Facilities may decide to include recent travel history outside the U.S. to a country with confirmed cases of monkeypox or where Monkeypox virus is endemic within the past 21 days ([CDC](#))
- The World Health Organization [Case Investigation Form](#) (under Data collection tools) includes comprehensive patient health/social history questions that may be included in the screening form

Additional References

CDC: [Definitions of Symptoms for Reportable Illnesses | Quarantine | CDC](#)

CDC: [Information For Healthcare Professionals | Monkeypox | Poxvirus | CDC](#)

CDC: [Case Definition† for Use in the 2022 Monkeypox Response | Monkeypox | Poxvirus | CDC](#)

CDC: [Monitoring People Who Have Been Exposed | Monkeypox | Poxvirus | CDC](#)

CDC: [Monkeypox in Multiple Countries - Alert - Level 2, Practice Enhanced Precautions - Travel Health Notices | Travelers' Health | CDC](#)

World Health Organization: [Monkeypox Outbreak Toolbox \(who.int\)](#)