



Public Health Advisory
Monkeypox update in Clark County, NV 2022
July 14, 2022

Situation:

The Southern Nevada Health District has investigated six cases of Monkeypox in Clark County. All six cases are men between the ages of 25 and 60 and have self-identified as men who have sex with men. None of the cases are associated with each other.

Testing Recommendations:

The Centers for Disease Control is actively working to deliver testing supplies to commercial laboratories to increase testing capacity across the United States. Currently, three commercial laboratories are capable of testing for Monkeypox – [LabCorp \(test code 140230\)](#), [Mayo Clinic](#), and [Quest \(test code 12084\)](#). Two additional commercial laboratories are pending.

Refer to the clinical recognition page here for information regarding monkey pox lesions and symptoms.

<https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/considerations-for-monkeypox-vaccination.html>

Additional assistance and guidance regarding testing can be coordinated with SNHD; SNHD approval is not required for commercial laboratory testing but is needed for testing through the public health laboratory.

Vaccination Information:

The Health District ordered an initial shipment of monkeypox vaccines, known by the brand name Jynneos, for high-risk people including laboratory personnel and close contacts. According to the CDC, the vaccine is effective in preventing monkeypox disease up to four days after exposure and may reduce the severity of symptoms if given up to 14 days after exposure; [CDC Considerations for Monkeypox Vaccination](#).

Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) is recommended for high risk and intermediate risk exposures. Recommendations for those that have been exposed to a patient with monkeypox is available on the CDC's [Exposure Risk Assessment and Public Health Recommendations](#) page.

Reporting and call for cases:

SNHD requests that clinicians utilize the testing information above, report patients who they suspect could have Monkeypox to the Southern Nevada Health District's Office of Acute Communicable Disease Control.

- Phone: 702-759-1300
- Fax: 702-759-1414
- Online: <https://www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/news-info/reportable-diseases/reportable-diseases-form/>

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