



Public Health Advisory Update

10/20/2026

Mpox Clade Ib, Detected in Clark County, NV

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS SUMMARY

Situation: As of October 15, 2026, the Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD) has confirmed the detection of Clade I mpox virus, subclade Ib (Clade Ib), in a resident of Clark County, NV, who had no reported recent travel exposure. The case did not require hospitalization and has recovered. The absence of reported recent travel raises concern for possible domestic transmission; however, the source of infection and any epidemiologic links remain subject to public health investigation. There have also been 11 confirmed cases of Clade II mpox in Southern Nevada since August 2026.

- In October 2025, California Department of Public Health [reported](#) community spread of new mpox Clade I and in July 2026, Arizona Department of Health Service [reported](#) a travel-associated case of mpox Clade I. As of October 2026, there have been over 90 reports of Clade I in 23 other states and Puerto Rico.
- Nationally, Clade II mpox is [still circulating at low levels](#). However, the increasing number of Clade I cases without identified travel exposure indicates a likely transition toward sustained domestic transmission of Clade Ib in the United States.

SNHD strongly urges all healthcare providers to:

- 1) **Consider Mpox in Differential Diagnosis: Consider mpox in patients presenting with:**
 - a) Fever, rash, lymphadenopathy, AND
 - b) Reports activities with a high potential for exposure:
 - i) Intimate contact or prolonged exposure in small spaces with someone diagnosed with mpox or a similar rash; OR
 - ii) Had close or intimate in-person contact with individuals in a social network experiencing mpox activity; OR
 - iii) Travel outside the US to a [country](#) with confirmed mpox cases or where it is endemic; OR
 - iv) Had contact with a dead or live wild animal or exotic pet that is an African endemic species or used a product derived from such animals (e.g., game meat, creams, lotions, powders, etc.).
- 2) **Perform Laboratory Testing for Mpox Promptly: Testing should be done at initial medical visit.** Minimize referral to external sites for testing to minimize transmission.

Test	Specimen	CPL	LabCorp	Quest
Mpox (Orthopox) DNA, PCR	Skin lesion (collected in viral transport media)	7410	140230	12084

***Collect an additional swab for public health testing and contact (702) 759-1300 to coordinate submission.

This does not replace diagnostic testing.

- 3) **Emphasize the Importance of Mpox Vaccination:** Discuss immunization measures for persons 18 years and older with the highest potential for exposure as identified during the 2022-2023 mpox outbreak:
 - a) Gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men, transgender or nonbinary people who in the past 6 months have had **one** of the following:
 - i) a new diagnosis of ≥ 1 sexually transmitted disease; more than one sex partner;
 - ii) sex at a commercial sex venue; or
 - iii) sex in association with a large public event in a geographic area where mpox transmission is occurring.
 - b) Sexual partners of people with the risks described above.
 - c) People who anticipate experiencing any of the above.

NOTE: Immunizations for mpox are offered at [SNHD Immunization clinic](#).

- 4) **Treatment is primarily supportive.** Tecovirimat (TPOXX) for treatment of mpox in severely immunocompromised individuals is investigational. Contact SNHD at (702) 759-1300 to coordinate access to TPOXX as it is only available for mpox treatment as an Expanded Access – Investigational New Drug (EA-IND). **There are no significant differences in symptoms or treatment for Clade I or Clade II mpox.**
- 5) **Report Suspected Cases Immediately by phone per [NAC 441A](#):** Do not wait for laboratory confirmation to report to SNHD's Division of Disease Surveillance & Control via phone (702) 759-1300.

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