



Public Health Advisory
Monkeypox update in Clark County, NV 2022
August 3, 2022

Situation:

The Southern Nevada Health District has reported 24 cases of Monkeypox in Clark County. As of August 2, the CDC and state and local public health partners are reporting over 6,000 cases of monkeypox. As demand for testing continues to increase, it is recommended that providers test those they suspect have lesions consistent with monkeypox.

Clinical Presentations:

Distinguishing features of the rash include papules, vesicles, pustules, or scabs that are deep-seated, firm or rubbery, and have well-defined round borders. Vesicular or pustular [stages of the lesions](#) are often umbilicated. They may be painful, painless, or itchy. People with monkeypox may develop [symptoms](#) including fever, headache, muscles aches, exhaustion or swollen lymph nodes during the prodromal period preceding the rash or with the rash.

Consider monkeypox testing for patients with

- New [characteristic rash](#) or
- Meets one of the [epidemiologic criteria](#) and has a high clinical suspicion for monkeypox

Testing Recommendations:

Currently, five commercial laboratories are capable of testing for Monkeypox

- [Aegis Sciences \(test code 06575\)](#)
- [LabCorp \(test code 140230\)](#)
- [Mayo Clinic](#)
- [Quest \(test code 12084\)](#)
- [Sonic Healthcare \(CPL test code 7410\)](#)

Clinicians/facilities collecting specimens for laboratory testing should confirm collection, storage, and shipment instructions with the specific laboratory to which it will be submitted prior to specimen collection.

Additional assistance and guidance regarding testing can be coordinated with SNHD; SNHD approval is **NOT** required for commercial laboratory testing. Approval is required for testing through the Southern Nevada Public Health Laboratory when commercial laboratory testing is not readily available.

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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