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## Technical Bulletin

**Date:** August 1, 2022  
**Topic:** Monkeypox: Mandatory Reporting of Extraordinary Occurrence of Illness  
*NRS 441A.120 and NAC 441A.085*  
**Contact:** Melissa Peek-Bullock, State Epidemiologist, Office of State Epidemiology  
**To:** Health Care Providers, Hospitals, Medical Facilities, Laboratories, and Local Health Authorities

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### **Background**

Since May 2022, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has been urging health care providers in the United States to be on alert for patients who present with rash illnesses [consistent with monkeypox](#). 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 (i.e., have a dent in the middle of them). They may be painful, painless or itchy. People with monkeypox may develop [symptoms](#) including fever, headache, muscle aches, exhaustion or swollen lymph nodes during the prodromal period preceding the rash or with the rash. ([CDC – Update for Clinicians on Testing and Treatment for Monkeypox](#))

**Effective immediately**, all suspect and confirmed cases (positive, negative, equivocal) of monkeypox are reportable to the Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) or local health authority (Southern Nevada Health District, Washoe County Health District, or Carson City Health and Human Services) using Nevada's [Confidential Morbidity Report Form](#), located online or through existing electronic laboratory reporting mechanisms.

The results should be reported within 24 hours of testing. These data will inform prevention measures, contribute to the understanding of this outbreak and can assist in predicting increases in testing demand and planning for potential supply chain issues.

Reporting of monkeypox is required under [NRS 441A.120](#) and NAC 441A.085, subsection 2(c):

**NAC 441A.085 “Extraordinary occurrence of illness” defined. (NRS 441A.120). “Extraordinary occurrence of illness” means:**

1. A disease which is not endemic to this State, is unlikely but has the potential to be introduced into this State, is readily transmitted and is likely to be fatal, including, but not limited to, typhus fever.
2. An outbreak of a communicable disease which is a risk to the public health because it may affect large numbers of persons or because the illness is a newly described communicable disease, including, but not limited to:
  - (a) An outbreak of an illness related to a contaminated medical device or product.
  - (b) An outbreak of an illness suspected to be related to environmental contamination by any infectious or toxic agent.
  - (c) **An outbreak of a newly emerging disease, including, but not limited to, avian influenza.**
3. A case of an illness that is known or suspected to be related to an act of intentional transmission or biological terrorism.

**Please note laboratory reporting must occur within 24 hours. Violation of this reporting may result in a criminal penalty and administrative fine of \$1,000 for each violation, per [NRS 441A.920](#).**

For more information on monkeypox and to obtain the most updated criteria, visit CDC's website:

<https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/index.html>

**Reporting of Possible Cases**

Patients who may have monkeypox or who might have been exposed to someone with monkeypox should be reported to public health authorities. Contact the appropriate health authority to report potential cases of monkeypox or for clinical consultation.

Health Department	County	Phone Number to Report
Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD)	Clark	(702) 759-1300 (24 hours)
Washoe County Health District (WCHD)	Washoe	(775) 328-2447 (24 hours)
Carson City Health and Human Services (CCHHS)	Carson City, Douglas and Lyon	(775) 887-2190 (24 hours)
Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH)	All other counties	(775) 684-5911 (M-F 8 am to 5 pm) (775) 400-0333 (after hours)

**Questions**

For updated guidance, review the [DPBH Technical Bulletin web page](#). Email [stateepi@health.nv.gov](mailto:stateepi@health.nv.gov) for other questions regarding monkeypox.



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