

HEALTH ADVISORY



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To: Physicians and other health care providers

Please distribute a copy of this information to each provider in your organization.

Questions regarding this information may be directed to the following Region 4 health officers:

Alan Melnick, MD, MPH, CPH

Health officer for Clark, Skamania and Wahkiakum counties

Steven Krager, MD, MPH

Health officer for Cowlitz County

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**Clade I mpox cases grow
internationally; remain alert for
potential cases**



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Summary

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently issued a [health advisory about the spread of clade I mpox](#) from the Democratic Republic of the Congo to several neighboring countries. And the World Health Organization [declared the mpox outbreak a public health emergency of international concern](#).

No cases of clade I mpox have been reported in Washington, and there are no known cases outside of central and eastern Africa at this time. However, because of the risk of additional spread, Washington Department of Health (DOH) and Region 4 health officers recommend that providers consider mpox as a possible diagnosis for patients with symptoms and recent travel to impacted countries.

Requested actions

Providers should maintain heightened suspicion for mpox when both of the following are true:

1. Patients present to care with [signs and symptoms consistent with mpox](#) **AND**
2. Have reported recent travel to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Republic of the Congo, Angold, Zambia, Rwanda, Burundi, Uganda, South Sudan or the Central African Republic.

Providers should report suspected cases of clade I mpox to their local health jurisdiction (see contact information on last page). Local health departments can arrange for mpox testing.

Additional resources

- [DOH Mpox webpage](#)
- [DOH Mpox Specimen Testing in Washington](#)
- [CDC Mpox vaccine locator](#)

Thank you for your partnership.

Local health jurisdiction	Phone	Fax
Clark County Public Health	564.397.8182	564.397.8080
Cowlitz County Health & Human Services	360.414.5599	360.425.7531
Skamania County Community Health	509.427.3850	509.427.0188
Wahkiakum County Health and Human Services	360.795.6207	360.795.6143

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