

Monkeypox Case definitions for Surveillance

A. Suspected case: (For screening)

A person of any age presenting with:

An unexplained acute rash* anywhere over the body

AND

One or more of the following signs or symptoms:

- a. Swollen lymph nodes
- b. Fever
- c. Headache
- d. Body aches
- e. Profound weakness

(*Presence of acute onset ano-genital lesions may specifically be ascertained)

B. Probable case: (For sample collection, testing & isolation)

A person meeting the suspected case definition and has an epidemiological link with a confirmed case (Direct physical contact with skin or skin lesions or body fluids or sexual contact; Face-to-face exposure, Health care workers without appropriate PPE; Contact with contaminated materials such as clothing, bedding or utensils).

or

A clinically compatible case

C. Confirmed case: (For management)

A case which is laboratory confirmed for monkeypox virus (by detection of unique sequences of viral DNA either by polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and/or sequencing).