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MS Health Alert Network (HAN) - Update**

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RECIPIENTS: All Physicians, Hospitals, ERs, ICPs, NPs, PAs, and
Healthcare Providers – Statewide
Tuesday, August 16, 2022
SUBJECT: Monkeypox Update 08/16/2022

Dear Colleagues,

Key Messages

- **Tecovirimat (TPOXX) is an antiviral that can be used to treat monkeypox infections through an expanded access Investigational New Drug (EA-IND) protocol.**
- **Mississippi physicians/clinicians can now request oral TPOXX directly from the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) for use in patients with severe disease or in patients who are at risk of severe disease.**
- **To request TPOXX from MSDH complete the MSDH Monkeypox Oral Request Form at [MSDH Monkeypox Oral TPOXX Request Form](#).**
- **Monkeypox Vaccine is available as a two-dose series at selected County Health Departments for individuals at higher risk with presumed or potential contact to monkeypox. See below for eligibility criteria. Patients may call the Monkeypox Call Center at 1-877-978-6453 to determine their eligibility and to make an appointment at one of the participating health departments.**

Indications for treatment with TPOXX

Individuals diagnosed with monkeypox:

- With severe disease (e.g., hemorrhagic disease, confluent lesions, sepsis, encephalitis, or other conditions requiring hospitalization)
- Who are at high risk of severe disease:
 - People with immunocompromising conditions (e.g., HIV/AIDS, leukemia, lymphoma, generalized malignancy, solid organ transplantation, therapy with alkylating agents, antimetabolites, radiation, tumor necrosis factor inhibitors, high-dose corticosteroids, being a recipient with hematopoietic stem cell transplant <24 months post-transplant or ≥24 months but with graft-versus-host disease or disease relapse, or having autoimmune disease with immunodeficiency as a clinical component)
 - Pediatric populations, particularly patients younger than 8 years of age
 - Pregnant or breastfeeding women
 - People with a history or presence of atopic dermatitis, people with other active exfoliative skin conditions (e.g., eczema, burns, impetigo, varicella zoster virus)



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- infection, herpes simplex virus infection, severe acne, severe diaper dermatitis with extensive areas of denuded skin, psoriasis, or Darier disease [keratosis follicularis])
- People with one or more complication (e.g., secondary bacterial skin infection; gastroenteritis with severe nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, or dehydration; bronchopneumonia; concurrent disease or other comorbidities)
- With aberrant infections involving accidental implantation in eyes, mouth, or other anatomic areas where *Monkeypox virus* infection might constitute a special hazard (e.g., the genitals or anus)

How to request TPOXX from MSDH

- **Complete the MSDH Monkeypox Oral Request Form at [MSDH Monkeypox Oral TPOXX Request Form](#)**
 - The EA-IND provides liability coverage under the PREP Act (<https://www.phe.gov/Preparedness/legal/prepact/Pages/prepqa.aspx>) for compensation to patients if seriously injured, and the drug is provided at no cost to providers or patients.
 - If approved and indicated, oral TPOXX will be shipped directly to the patient or to the hospital/healthcare provider for administration.
 - Because the medication is only available through an EA-IND protocol, CDC requires a patient informed consent prior to drug distribution and additional follow up documents after the medication is started.
- TPOXX oral medications from the prepositioned MSDH supply will only be shipped on business days to the patient or provider.
- Hospitals or other healthcare providers who have questions or a need to request more urgent delivery or request IV TPOXX rather than oral, please contact the MSDH Office of Epidemiology at 601-576-7725 (or after hours 601-576-7400).
- Providers may also contact the CDC Emergency Operations Center (770-488-7100) for urgent clinical situations after hours or for clinical consultation on patient cases.
- Questions regarding TPOXX can be directed to TPOXX@msdh.ms.gov

Required Documentation

1. **Informed Consent Form [English \[261 KB, 5 pages\]](#) | [Spanish \[335 KB, 6 pages\]](#)**: Obtain prior to treatment.
 2. **[Patient Intake Form \[321 KB, 3 pages\]](#)**: Baseline assessment.
 3. **[FDA Form 1572 \[1 MB, 2 pages\]](#)**: One signed 1572 per facility suffices for all TPOXX treatments administered under the EA-IND at the same facility.
 4. **[Clinical Outcome Form \[279 KB, 4 pages\]](#)**: Progress information during and post treatment.
- **Reminder: Informed consent must be obtained prior to treatment initiation. All required documents must be submitted to CDC. Instructions and deadlines for document submission can be found at the top of each document.**

Vaccination for high-risk individuals

MSDH offers a two-dose monkeypox vaccination at selected county health department locations for
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those at highest risk of exposure.

Adults 18 and older may be eligible if:

- They have been notified or are aware of close, intimate or sexual contact with someone diagnosed with monkeypox, **OR**
- They identify as gay, bisexual, or other men who have sex with men, or transgender individual who report:
 - having multiple or anonymous sex partners,
 - or having attended an event or venue where monkeypox may have been transmitted (for instance, by sex or skin-to-skin contact).

Regards,

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Alerting Message Specification Settings

Originating Agency: Mississippi State Department of Health
Alerting Program: **MS Health Alert Network (MS HAN)**
Message Identifier: MSHAN-20220816-00585-**UPD**
Program (HAN) Type: **Health Alert**
Status (Type): Actual ()
Message Type: Alert
Reference: MSHAN-00585
Severity: Unknown
Acknowledgement: No
Sensitive: Not Sensitive
Message Expiration: Undetermined
Urgency: Undetermined
Delivery Time: 600 minutes

Definition of Alerting Vocabulary and Message Specification Settings

Originating Agency: A unique identifier for the agency originating the alert.

Alerting Program: The program sending the alert or engaging in alerts and communications using PHIN Communication and Alerting (PCA) as a vehicle for their delivery.

Message Identifier: A unique alert identifier that is generated upon alert activation (MSHAN-yyymmdd-hhmm-TTT (**ALT=Health Alert**, **ADV=Health Advisory**, **UPD=Health Update**, **MSG/INFO=Message/Info Service**)).

Program (HAN) Type: Categories of Health Alert Messages.

Health Alert: Conveys the highest level of importance; warrants immediate action or attention.

Health Advisory: Provides important information for a specific incident or situation; may not require immediate action.

Health Update: Provides updated information regarding an incident or situation; unlikely to require immediate action.

Health Info Service: Provides Message / Notification of general public health information; unlikely to require immediate action.

Status (Type):

- Actual: Communication or alert refers to a live event
- Exercise: Designated recipients must respond to the communication or alert
- Test: Communication or alert is related to a technical, system test and should be disregarded

Message Type:

- Alert: Indicates an original Alert
- Update: Indicates prior alert has been Updated and/or superseded
- Cancel: Indicates prior alert has been cancelled
- Error: Indicates prior alert has been retracted

Reference: For a communication or alert with a Message Type of “Update” or “Cancel”, this attribute contains the unique Message Identifier of the original communication or alert being updated or cancelled. “n/a” = Not Applicable.

Severity:

Extreme:	Extraordinary threat to life or property
Severe:	Significant threat to life or property
Moderate:	Possible threat to life or property
Minor:	Minimal threat to life or property
Unknown:	Unknown threat to life or property

Acknowledgement: Indicates whether an acknowledgement on the part of the recipient is required to confirm that the alert was received, and the timeframe in which a response is required (Yes or No).

Sensitive:

Sensitive:	Indicates the alert contains sensitive content
Not Sensitive:	Indicates non-sensitive content

Message Expiration: Undetermined.

Urgency: Undetermined. Responsive action should be taken immediately.

Delivery Time: Indicates the timeframe for delivery of the alert (15, 60, 1440, 4320 minutes (.25, 1, 24, 72 hours)).