

As the situation around Monkeypox (MPX) continues to evolve, the public health response from the Tennessee Department of Health (TDH) must also evolve. We are updating our reporting requirements for MPX laboratory data and case reports to mirror the system used for other reportable conditions in Tennessee. Please see below for further clarification regarding electronic laboratory reporting options as well and PH-1600 requirements.

**Request:** Ensure all Monkeypox (MPX)-associated positive lab results are reported either electronically or via fax. Submit all case information for selected risk groups via fax.

### Who should report?

Healthcare providers who receive positive MPX test results on their patients or patients in their facility. Laboratories that complete MPX testing for TN residents or on behalf of medical providers in TN.

### When should we report?

Healthcare providers and laboratories should report **within 24 hours** of receiving a MPX diagnosis, positive lab report on a patient, and/or becoming aware of a suspected or confirmed MPX case in one of the selected risk groups.

### What should we report?

All MPX-associated positive lab reports must be reported. If your facility exclusively uses send outs for all MPX testing then you may verify with that third party lab that they are reporting these results electronically to TDH then you will not have to submit that same result via fax, PH-1600, or morbidity report. If you diagnose a case of MPX in one of the selected risk groups below you will have additional reporting responsibilities.

Please submit a [PH-1600](#) form on all suspected or confirmed MPX diagnosis in selected risk groups and include a copy of the positive lab result regardless of the lab that performed the testing (commercial labs as well as state public health labs):

- <18 years of age
- Case who is a healthcare worker who worked while infectious
- Case resulting in exposures in any of the following settings: School, daycare, correctional facility, dormitory (or other congregate living facility)
- Case who is pregnant

### How should we report cases in special risk populations?

There are 2 options for reporting cases in special risk populations:

- Fax the [PH-1600](#) form and a copy of the positive laboratory report to 615-741-3857
- Submit an electronic Morbidity Report\*

\*If you already report diseases or conditions to TDH via Morbidity Reports, you can continue to do this for COVID-19 positive labs and suspected or confirmed deaths. These are electronically submitted to NBS through <https://hssi.tn.gov/auth/login>.

There are 2 options for reporting suspected or confirmed MPX associated deaths:

- Call your county medical examiner
- Fax the [PH-1600](#) form and a copy of the positive laboratory report to 615-741-3857.
  - Be sure to mark the field indicating death

### Do laboratories need to report these same results?

Laboratories performing MPX testing should be reporting these positive results electronically via ELR or fax. If you are a laboratory that needs to report via one of these methods, please begin faxing results to 615-741-3857 immediately. If you would like to discuss reporting via electronic reporting, email [ceds.informatics@tn.gov](mailto:ceds.informatics@tn.gov).