

Monkeypox

Information for **Blood** Programs



Can monkeypox be transmitted via blood transfusion?

There is currently no evidence to suggest that monkeypox can be spread through blood transfusion. Donor selection criteria excludes donors who are unwell or exhibiting symptoms.



Can you donate blood after recovering from a monkeypox infection?

Infected donors should be deferred until all symptoms are fully resolved, and a minimum of 21 days after the onset of symptoms.

What about close contacts who are asymptomatic?

As a precaution, high-risk close contacts should not donate blood for a minimum of 21 days from their last contact with the known case or contaminated material.



Is there a vaccination deferral period?

Individuals who have recently received a vaccine for monkeypox may be temporarily deferred from donating - the deferral timeframe will depend on the type of vaccine received.

Information current as at September 2022

For more information refer to the following resources:

- WHO - [Monkeypox Q&A](#)
- WHO - [Multi-country monkeypox outbreak in non-endemic countries](#)
- FDA - [Information for blood establishments regarding the monkeypox virus and blood donation](#)

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