**Can Mpox be transmitted via blood transfusion?**

There is currently no evidence to suggest that Mpox 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 Mpox 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 Mpox 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](#)