

Laboratory Diagnosis of Mpox, Central African Republic, 2016–2022

Appendix

Case Definitions for Suspected and Confirmed Mpox

The following mpox case definitions are communicated to health professionals across the Central African Republic in training sessions. Flyers containing the case definitions are provided to participants during the training for display at their health facilities in locations visible to anyone who enters.

Suspected case

Any patient who presents to a health facility with the following signs and symptoms:

- Fever or suspected fever
- Cutaneous rash over the body, particularly on the palms of the hands or soles of the feet
- Adenopathy

Confirmed case

Any patient whose sample is confirmed by PCR for mpox in the laboratory

Procedure for Mpox Sample Collection

The standard procedures for collection mpox samples are as follows:

- Written or oral consent is obtained from the patient (or a legal guardian if the patient is a minor)
- Completion of the case notification form provided under the national surveillance program

