Monkeypox Algorithm for Close Contacts

(A) HIGH-RISK EXPOSURE CHARACTERISTICS
- Contact between an exposed individual’s broken skin or mucous membranes with the skin lesions or bodily fluids from a person with monkeypox -OR-
- Any sexual or intimate contact involving mucous membranes (e.g., kissing, oral-genital, oral-anal, vaginal, or anal sex (insertive or receptive) with a person with monkeypox -OR-
- Contact between an exposed individual’s broken skin or mucous membranes with materials (e.g., linens, clothing, objects, sex toys) that have contacted the skin lesions or bodily fluids of a person with monkeypox (e.g., sharing food, handling, or sharing of linens used by a person with monkeypox without having been disinfected† or laundered)

INTERMEDIATE RISK EXPOSURE CHARACTERISTICS
- Being within 6 feet for a total of 3 hours or more (cumulative) of an unmasked person with monkeypox without wearing a surgical mask or respirator -OR-
- Contact between an exposed individual’s intact skin with the skin lesions or bodily fluids from a person with monkeypox -OR-
- Contact between an exposed individual’s intact skin with materials (e.g., linens, clothing, sex toys) that have contacted the skin lesions or bodily fluids from a person with monkeypox without having been disinfected† or laundered -OR-
- Contact between an exposed individual’s clothing with the person with monkeypox’s skin lesions or bodily fluids, or their soiled linens or dressings (e.g., during turning, bathing, or assisting with transfer)

LOW-RISK EXPOSURE CHARACTERISTICS
- Entry into the living space of a person with monkeypox (regardless of whether the person with monkeypox is present) and in the absence of any exposures above

Additional detail available at: https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/clinicians/monitoring.html

(B) POST-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS (PEP)
People can be vaccinated after known or presumed exposure to someone with monkeypox, ideally within 4 days.