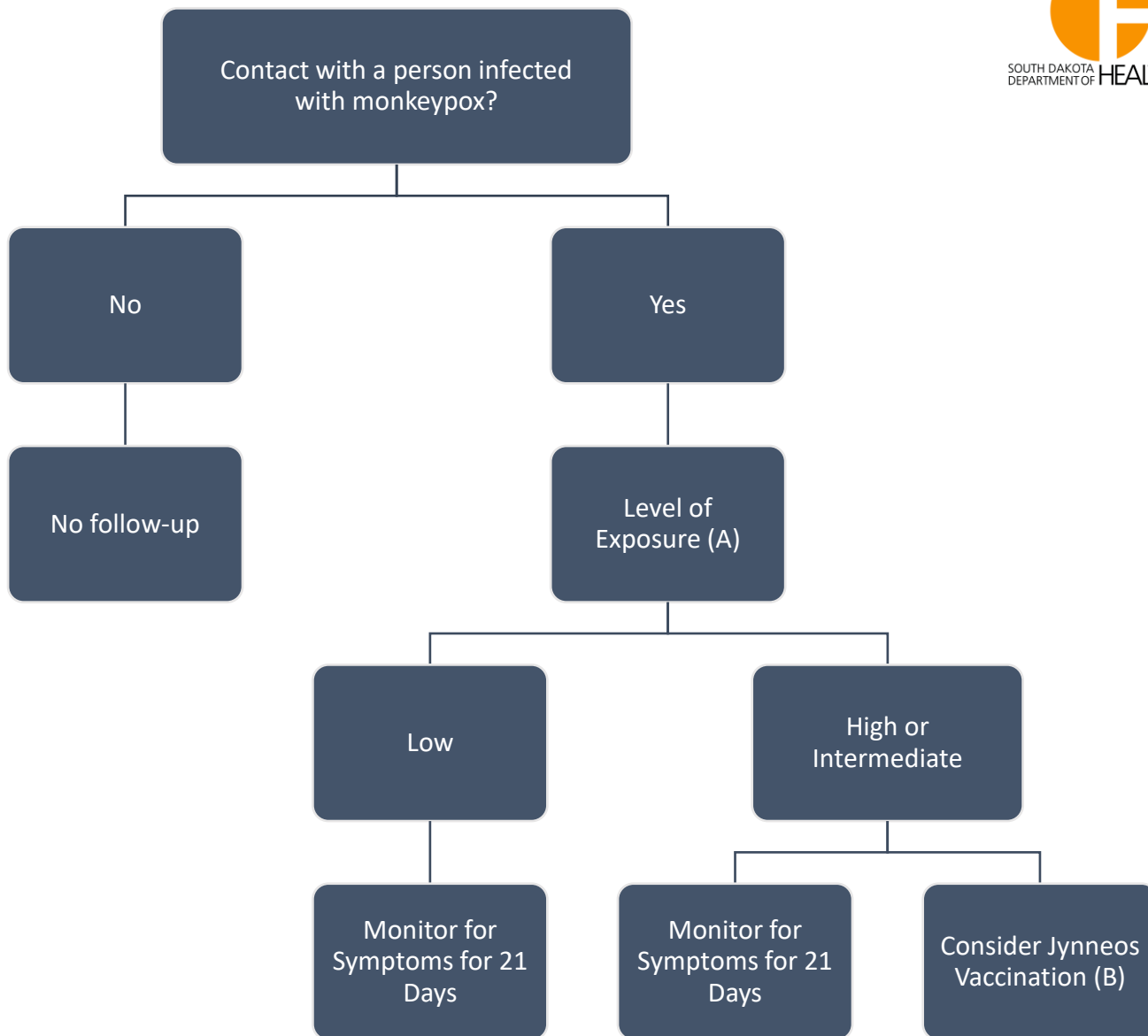


# Monkeypox Algorithm for Close Contacts



## (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<sup>†</sup> 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<sup>†</sup> 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.