

Monkeypox treatment



There are no treatments specifically for monkeypox virus infections. However, monkeypox and smallpox viruses are genetically similar, which means that antiviral drugs and vaccines developed to protect against smallpox may be used to prevent and treat monkeypox virus infections.

Antivirals, such as tecovirimat (TPOXX), may be recommended for people who are more likely to get severely ill, like patients with weakened immune systems.

If you have [symptoms](#) of monkeypox, you should talk to your health care provider, even if you don't think you've had contact with someone who has monkeypox.



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