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Monkeypox and mass gatherings; the Glastonbury Festival approach

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Overview



- Glastonbury is the largest residential festival in the UK, Europe and possibly the world.
- Cancellations in 2020 & 2021 due to Covid-19.
- It is in Glastonbury/SW England- rural area.
- The site is surrounded by 8miles of fencing/ about 900 acres
- Over 210k attendees (including >70k staff).
- Mainly attended by young people, families/young children and older people
- People are joining from all over the world and from all walks of life
- This year- collaboration with Notting Hill carnival

Planning- 'All hazards' health protection approach

- Pre-event
 - Establish working groups, first drafts of overall health plans submitted December 2021
 - Notification and communication is key (Health Information Cell)
 - Clear referral pathways (in and out of hours) for case management and identification of contacts
 - PPE/clinical assessments/transfers/sampling and testing (FMS)
 - Test your plans
 - Raising awareness/ communication messages/engagement with festival organisers (comms cell)
 - National programme is being developed for pre-exposure vaccination for risk groups
- During event
 - Be ready
 - Ongoing communications, awareness and engagement activities
 - Minimise impact on resident population health care system
- Post event
 - Developed surveillance process to monitor MPX cases linked to festival

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Monkeypox: What you need to know

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The signs and symptoms are:

- Recent unexpected/unusual spots, ulcers or blisters anywhere on your body
- Fever
- Headaches
- Muscle aches
- Chills and exhaustion
- Swollen glands

You can help stop the spread of Monkeypox:

- If you or any recent partners have developed unexpected or unusual spots, ulcers or blisters on any part of your body, including your face or genitals get in touch with your local sexual health service as soon as possible. You will be treated sensitively and confidentially.
- Avoid close physical contact with others until you have had medical advice. This will minimise the chance of passing it on.

What is Monkeypox?

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Officials have given key advice for anyone who falls ill - and how to prevent infections

By **Ben Hurst** Head of Video (Reach Regionals) 05.00, 22 JUN 2022

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Health chiefs told festival-goers to be wary of monkeypox as they enjoyed themselves (Image: AFP via Getty Images)

Monkeypox warning: Brits heading to Glastonbury urged to watch out for symptoms

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Strikes, thunderstorms, and now MONKEYPOX! Glastonbury revellers are warned of skin-to-skin contact danger by health chiefs as the music event returns for the first time in three years after Covid delays

- Jubilant festivalgoers poured into Worthy Farm yesterday for the official start of Glastonbury Festival 2022
- Thousands made the most of the glorious sunshine and quickly set about enjoying the party atmosphere
- Meanwhile health chiefs have sent out a warning over the rising number of cases of monkeypox in the UK
- Revellers are being urged to be mindful of skin-to-skin contact and keep an eye out for symptoms of the virus

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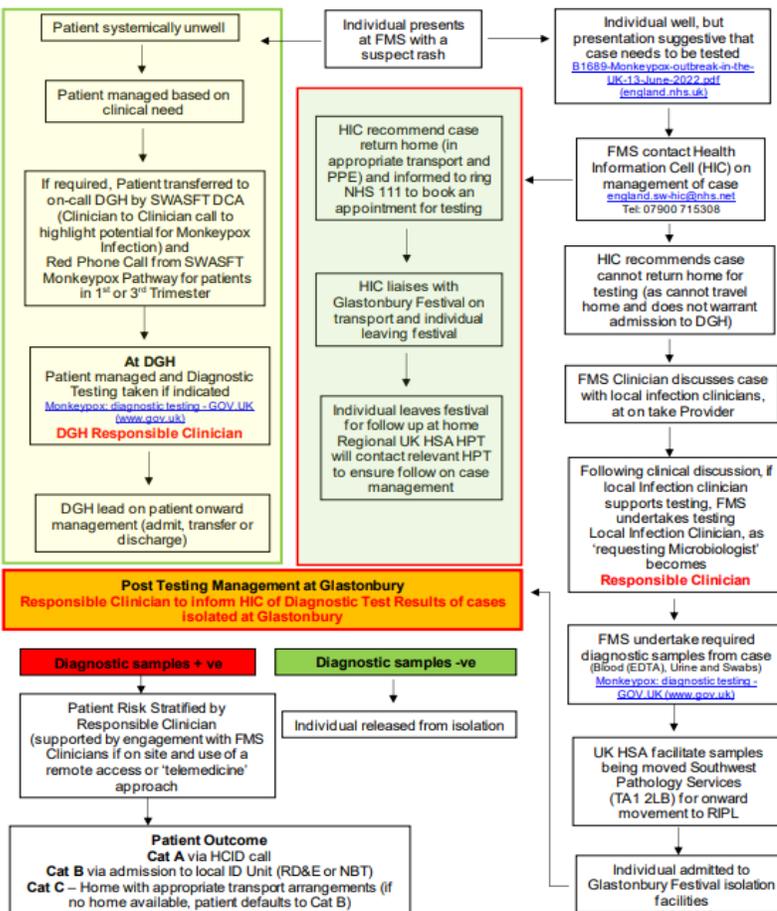
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Description

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Scenario (where appropriate)	Unidentified
Agent (where appropriate)	
Other Agent (where not listed)	
Brief Description (Text in this box is visible on the Dashboard. Do not enter PII data here)	
Holding situation for health protection issues, cases and incidents linked to the Glastonbury Festival 2022	

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Glastonbury 2022

Description

Type	Outdoor event/gathering
Date	23/06/2022
Number of people involved	
Notes	

Summary

- Excellent collaborative multiagency partnership
- Planning in advance
- Flexible model and good will among partners to respond to emerging needs
- Agree roles and responsibilities/ set pathways for both in & out of hours
- Monitoring the situation through surveillance scheme

Any Questions?