1. European Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority (HERA) is in close contact with the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), which is monitoring the epidemiological situation and has published a rapid risk assessment and different epidemiological updates¹. ECDC has highlighted that the priority is on identification, isolation and contact tracing of cases. Reporting of cases is done through the European Surveillance System.

2. HERA has assessed the needs of Member States in terms of vaccines, antivirals and personal protective equipment (PPE). Based on the needs identified, the Commission through HERA has directly purchased vaccines against monkeypox for Member States² and is working on a joint procurement for the only antiviral approved in the EU (Tecovirimat), in which 26 Member States are interested. Regarding PPE, the European Safety Federation reported HERA no issues with the availability of PPE for health professionals.

¹ https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/monkeypox