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### HEALTH ADVISORY: Mpox & Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever Travel Advisories

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Dear Colleagues,

We hope this message finds you well.

Benton County is sharing Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) travel advisories related to a Clade I Mpox outbreak associated with Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and a Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF) outbreak associated with Tecate, state of Baja California, Mexico. To date, there have been no reports of Clade I Mpox in the United States of America (USA). As of December 8, 2023, five confirmed RMSF cases have been reported in the USA.

Links to the travel advisories are located here:

- Mpox: [Health Alert Network \(HAN\) - 00501 | Mpox Caused by Human-to-Human Transmission of Monkeypox Virus with Geographic Spread in the Democratic Republic of the Congo \(cdc.gov\)](#)
- RMSF: [Health Alert Network \(HAN\) - 00502 | Severe and Fatal Confirmed Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever among People with Recent Travel to Tecate, Mexico \(cdc.gov\)](#)

Thank you for reviewing the CDC travel advisories. We appreciate your diligence in maintaining the health and safety of our collective communities.

Respectfully,

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April Holland, Public Health Administrator

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Carolina Amador", written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Carolina Amador, Public Health Officer