

# 10 things to know about The 2022 Monkeypox Outbreak

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## Monkeypox Definition

Monkeypox is a rare disease that is caused by infection with monkeypox virus. Monkeypox virus belongs to the Orthopoxvirus genus in the family Poxviridae.

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## Monkeypox is not related to Chickenpox

Monkeypox virus is part of the same family as variola virus, the virus that causes smallpox. Monkeypox symptoms are typically milder, and monkeypox is rarely fatal. Monkeypox is not related to chickenpox.

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## Current Case Count (Globally, and in the US)

As of July 20th, 2022, 2 pm Eastern, there are 2,323 cases in the United States, and 15,378 cases globally as of July 20th, 2022 at 5:00pm.

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## How Monkeypox Spreads

Monkeypox can spread from person-to-person in a variety of ways. For information on specific forms of transmission, visit the following page: <https://bit.ly/3NVWBOU>

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## Monkeypox can be Prevented

Avoid contact with animals that could harbor the virus, or with any materials that have been in contact with a sick animal. Isolate infected patients from others, and practice good hand hygiene after contact with infected animals or humans.

<https://bit.ly/30pM0d2>

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## There are key symptoms to watch out for:

Most commonly, Monkeypox will cause a rash, that can look like pimples or blisters, that appears on the face, inside the mouth, hands, feet, chest, genitals, or anus.

<https://bit.ly/3Pm4u1o>

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## How long does it take for the rash to heal?

The rash typically goes through 4 different stages before healing completely. The illness typically lasts 2-4 weeks.

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## How long do I need to isolate for?

A person with Monkeypox should isolate from others until all of the lesions have scabbed, fallen off, and new skin has formed.

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## Who can get and spread Monkeypox?

Regardless of gender, sexual orientation, or other identifying characteristic, **ANYONE** can contract and spread Monkeypox to others.

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## Additional Information

If you are in need of additional information regarding Monkeypox, please visit the following link to navigate the various topics on the site: <https://bit.ly/3ynTitT>



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