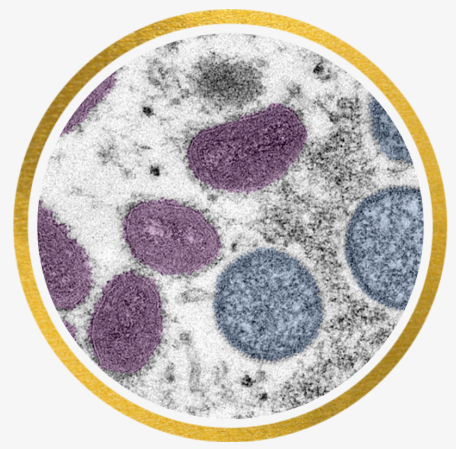


# Everything You Need to Know About Monkeypox



## What is happening?

- Monkeypox is a rare disease caused by infection with the monkeypox virus (MPV)
- MPV symptoms are similar to that of smallpox, but are far milder. MPV is rarely fatal
- Cases are occurring in countries that do not normally report MPV

## How is Monkeypox spread?

- Close contact with an infectious rash, lesion, or bodily fluid
- Contact with fabrics (towels, linens) and other surfaces that have been used by an infected person
- Large respiratory droplets for prolonged face-to-face interaction (>3 hours)

### WHAT ARE THE SIGNS & SYMPTOMS?

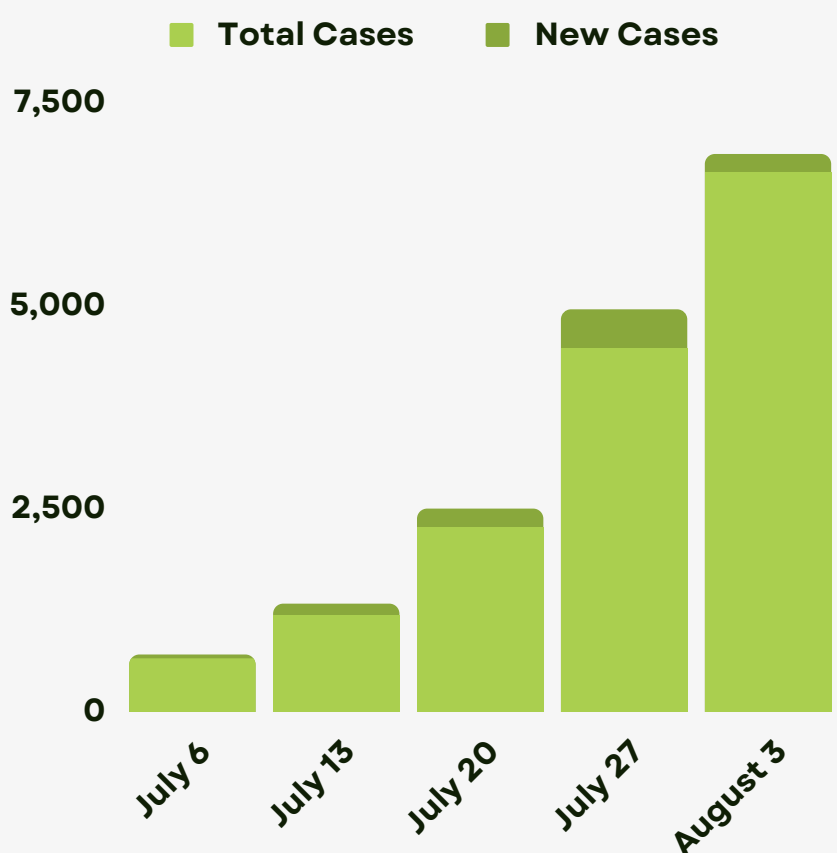
#### Within the first few days..

- Chills
- Exhaustion
- Fever
- Muscle aches/ backaches
- Swollen lymph nodes
- Headaches
- Congestion
- Sore throat
- Cough

#### 1 to 4 days later...

- Pimple/blister-like rash that can appear on or near the genitals, hands, feet, chest, face, or mouth

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## What Precautions Can I Take?

- Avoid skin-to skin contact with people who have a rash that looks like MPV
- Do not share bedding, towels, clothes, or utensils with anyone that may have MPV
- Monitor for symptoms for 21 days and contact your healthcare provider if symptoms occur



### Should I Get Vaccinated?

Vaccination is not currently recommended against Monkeypox, unless you:

- Had a sexual partner in the past 14 days that was diagnosed with MPV
- Had multiple sexual partners in the past 14 days in a jurisdiction with known MPV

For information on vaccines visit:

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/monkeypox-vaccination>

### Additional Resources:

<https://www.cdc.gov/monkeypox>  
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