



Public Information Release

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Monkeypox Case Reported in Madison County

MADISON COUNTY – Madison County Public Health (MCPH) has been notified of an individual testing positive for monkeypox this week. This case is isolated and there are no current outbreaks in Madison County.

MCPH has been working closely with the Ohio Department of Health and our local healthcare providers to provide monkeypox testing, case investigation, contact tracing, and prevention and treatment options. The risk of contracting monkeypox remains extremely low.

As of today, there have been 147 confirmed cases of monkeypox in Ohio across 19 counties, with the most cases reported in two of the state's largest metro areas, Franklin County, including the City of Columbus, (33 cases) and Cuyahoga County, including the City of Cleveland, (69 cases).

Monkeypox is spread through close, personal, often skin-to-skin contact with someone who has monkeypox. Monkeypox can cause a rash that may look like pimples or blisters. The rash will change and turn to scabs before healing. Some people may get flu-like symptoms like fever, headache, muscle aches, sore throat, cough, swollen lymph nodes, chills, or exhaustion. Sometimes, people get a rash first, then get other symptoms. Other people only get a rash. People who have been exposed to monkeypox or believe they may be at high risk for exposure should contact their healthcare provider or local health department for more information about vaccine or possible treatment options.

MCPH is closely monitoring monkeypox in Ohio and the United States and will continue to communicate information with our residents and community partners.

For more information, visit odh.ohio.gov/monkeypox.