What You Need to Know About **Monkeypox**

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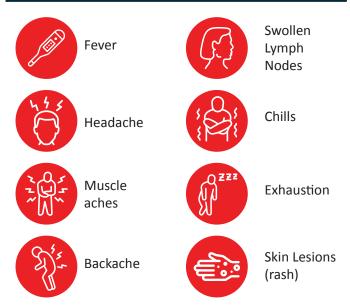
The majority of the current monkeypox virus in the US are among the same gender loving and/or bisexual men?

What is monkeypox?



Monkeypox is a rare, but potentially serious viral illness that can be transmitted from person to person through direct contact with bodily fluid or monkeypox lesions/rash.

What are the symptoms of monkeypox?



Symptoms usually appear 7–14 days after exposure, with range of 5–21 days.

What happens if I think I have monkeypox?

You should see your healthcare provider for a health assessment. You can visit **linku.findhelp.com** to find a testing center near you.

How do I get monkeypox?



Monkeypox spreads between people primarily through direct contact with infectious sores, scabs, or body fluids. Monkeypox can spread during intimate contact between people,

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including oral, anal, and vaginal sex; massages or mutual masturbation; kissing, hugging, or talking closely; and touching fabrics and objects during sex that was used by a person with monkeypox, such as bedding, towels, and sex toys. It can also be spread through respiratory droplets or oral fluids from a person with monkeypox.

How can I prevent monkeypox?

- Avoid coming into contact with people recently diagnosed with the virus or those who may have been infected.
- Wear a face mask if you are in close contact with someone who has symptoms.
- Wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer, especially after coming into contact with those who are infected — or suspected infected.

For more information about monkeypox, visit: dchealth.dc.gov/page/monkeypox