

Monkeypox Guidance



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- ▶ An outbreak of monkeypox has spread across many countries that don't normally have monkeypox, including the U.S., which currently has approximately 6,000 cases to date.
- ▶ It is spreading mainly through close, intimate contact with someone who has monkeypox.
- ▶ The CDC recommends vaccination for those with known exposure to monkeypox or high risk of exposure.

What is Monkeypox?

- ▶ A disease caused by infection with the monkeypox virus.
- ▶ A rare disease that does not naturally occur in the U.S. and historically has occurred in the U.S. in association with travel to areas of Africa where it is endemic or contact with imported animals.
- ▶ Symptoms can include a rash that may involve the genitals or other areas of the body such as face/extremities and flu-like symptoms, but can vary in severity between individuals. Most people with monkeypox will get a rash but some may develop no other symptoms.

Vaccination

- ▶ There is a very limited supply of vaccine available for monkeypox and it is distributed by the federal government to geographic areas.
- ▶ There are strict criteria for eligibility for the vaccine, and in some areas of the country there is not a current supply of the vaccine.
- ▶ Please visit the CDC website for overview of risk criteria for vaccination: <https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/vaccines.html>.



If you have further questions regarding monkeypox, personal risks, or vaccination, please schedule a consultation with a Summus MD for personalized guidance on your specific questions through <http://www.summusglobal.com/dashboard>.

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