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Monkeypox Case Reported in Onondaga County

On Wednesday August 10, 2022, the Onondaga County Health Department (OCHD) reported their first case of monkeypox. As of August 10th, 2022, there have been 2,132 reported cases in New York State. At this time, there have been zero reported cases of monkeypox in Cayuga County, but the Cayuga County Health Department is keeping the public informed about this current outbreak.

What is Monkeypox?

- Monkeypox is a rare disease caused by infection with the monkeypox virus
- Monkeypox virus is part of the same family of the virus that causes smallpox
- Monkeypox typically causes mild illness, but some cases can be severe enough to result in hospitalization and/or death

What are the symptoms?

The illness typically lasts 2-4 weeks. Some or all of the following symptoms may be present:

- Rash / pimple-like pustules / scabs
 - May be located near genitals, anus
 - May also be located on hands, mouth, feet, torso
- Fever, Chills, Body Aches
- Swollen lymph nodes
- Exhaustion, Fatigue
- Headache

How can I protect myself?

Monkeypox can spread to anyone through close, personal, skin-to-skin contact

- Avoid close, skin-to-skin contact with people who have a rash that looks like monkeypox
 - Do not touch rash or scabs
 - Do not kiss, hug, cuddle, or have sex with someone with monkeypox
- Avoid contact with objects and materials that an infected person used
 - Do not share eating utensils / cups / bottles
 - Do not touch bedding, towels, or clothing of an infected person
- Wash your hands often
 - Especially before touching your face and after you use the bathroom

Learn More

For more information, you can text "MONKEYPOX" to 81336.

Or go to <https://health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/zoonoses/monkeypox/> or <https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/response/2022/> for more information.