Monkeypox Virus Information

Monkeypox is a rare viral illness that does not usually cause serious illness but can result in hospitalization or death.

Monkeypox symptoms

- **Rash**
  - A rash that may be located on or near the genitals or anus and could be on other areas like the hands, feet, chest, face, or mouth.
  - The rash will go through several stages, including scabs, before healing.
  - The rash can initially look like pimples or blisters and may be painful or itchy.

- **Other symptoms of monkeypox can include:**
  - Fever
  - Chills
  - Swollen lymph nodes
  - Exhaustion
  - Muscle aches and backache
  - Headache
  - Respiratory symptoms (e.g. sore throat, nasal congestion, cough)

- **You may experience all or only a few symptoms**
  - Sometimes, people have flu-like symptoms before the rash.
  - Some people get a rash first, followed by other symptoms.
  - Others only experience a rash.
  - For more information, visit the [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov) website.

How long do monkeypox symptoms last?

- Monkeypox symptoms usually start within 3 weeks of exposure to the virus.

If someone has flu-like symptoms, they will usually develop a rash 1-4 days later.

- Monkeypox can be spread from the time symptoms start until the rash has healed, all scabs have fallen off, and a fresh layer of skin has formed. The illness typically lasts 2-4 weeks.

Monkeypox Transmission

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

- Direct contact with monkeypox rash, scabs, or body fluids from a person with monkeypox.
- Touching objects, fabrics (clothing, bedding, or towels), and surfaces that have been used by someone with monkeypox.
- Contact with respiratory secretions.

If you have a new or unexplained rash or other concerning symptoms:

- Isolate from others, including close contact or being intimate with others.
- Call SHAC for further instructions at 914-323-5245.
- After hours call Campus Safety at 914-323-5244.

Vaccine info

The WCDOH is offering monkeypox vaccine clinics. Jynneos vaccination is currently reserved for people who are at higher risk for monkeypox infection and meet the CDC guidelines. Students who think they might be at risk can register for an appointment on their [webpage](https://www.example.com).