

Wayne County
Public Health Advisory – Monkeypox Virus
July 25, 2022

The Wayne County Health Department was notified by the State of Michigan Department of Health and Human Services that the first probable case of monkeypox (MPV) was identified in Out-Wayne County. The affected individual is currently isolating and does not pose a risk to the public. The Health Department is working to notify and monitor any close contacts. To protect patient privacy, no further details will be provided. To date, most states in the U.S., including Michigan, have identified cases of MPV, which are increasing. Risk to the general public is currently low as it does not spread easily between people. However, it is important that everyone is aware of the symptoms, risk factors and when to seek medical attention.

What You Need to Know

MPV is a rare disease caused by a virus. Initial symptoms can include a flu-like illness consisting of fevers, muscle aches, swollen lymph nodes, and fatigue, followed by development of a rash that resembles pimples or blisters. Symptoms can take 1-3 weeks to develop after an exposure. An individual with MPV is contagious from the time symptoms start until scabs have fallen off and a fresh layer of skin has formed, which typically takes 2-4 weeks.

Anyone experiencing new, unexplained sores or rashes or contact with someone with MPV should contact their healthcare provider for an evaluation.

Examples of MPV rash can be seen [here](#) and in the graphic below.

MPV is usually mild and self-resolving. Severe cases can occur. There is no treatment specifically for MPV; however, antiviral medications utilized to treat smallpox may be recommended for those at risk for severe illness. Vaccines are currently recommended for those with known contact with a person with MPV or are at higher risk for a recent MPV exposure.

MPV is spreading mostly through close, personal and/or intimate contact with infectious rash, scabs, or body fluids. It can also spread through respiratory secretions from prolonged face-to-face contact or contact with contaminated materials such as clothing or bedding.

Any person (of any gender or sexual orientation) can get MPV if they have close personal contact with someone who has symptoms of MPV.

Steps for Prevention

Talk to intimate and other sexual partners about any recent illness and be aware of new or unexplained sores or rash on your body or your partner's body. Avoid skin-to-skin or face-to-face contact with anyone who has symptoms, and wash hands often with water and soap or alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

For more information on prevention visit:

https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/pdf/MPX_Social_Gatherings_Safer_Sex-508.pdf

For general information about MPV, please visit:

www.cdc.gov/monkeypox

www.michigan.gov/mpv

The Wayne County Public Health Department is available to answer any questions and to provide vaccination information at 1-866- 610-3885, Mon-Fri 8AM-4PM.

Testing

Please contact your healthcare provider or the Wayne County Health Department clinic for testing:

Wayne County Health Department

33030 Van Born Rd.

Wayne MI, 48184

Hours:

8:00A-4:30P (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri)

11:00A-7:30P (Wed)

Please call before visiting: (866) 610-3885

If you are a Detroit resident and are exposed or were at an event that was identified as a source of exposures, call the Detroit health department about vaccine availability. Vaccines are given within 4 days of any exposure. Contact the Detroit Health Department at (313) 876-4444 or DHDOUTBREAK@detroitmi.gov.

