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Montgomery County Identifies First Case of Monkeypox

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For Immediate Release

The Montgomery County Department of Health (MCDH) has confirmed the first case of monkeypox in Montgomery County on Monday, August 8th, 2022. At this time, the individual is isolating at home and willingly cooperating with public health officials. To protect the individual's privacy, no further information will be shared.

Over 100 cases of Monkeypox have been identified in North Carolina. The Montgomery County Department of Health is working diligently with state and national partners to monitor the current outbreak.

Monkeypox is a rash illness, caused by the monkeypox virus. Monkeypox can be spread to anyone through close contact, including:

- Direct skin-to-skin contact with the monkeypox rash, sores, or scabs
- Contact with objects that have been used by someone with monkeypox (clothes, linens, surfaces)
- Exposure to respiratory droplets or oral fluids during prolonged face-to-face contact with someone with monkeypox (Monkeypox can also be spread during intimate oral, anal, or vaginal sexual contact with a person with monkeypox.)

What should you do?

- If you have a new or unexplained rash, see your healthcare provider and avoid having close or intimate contact with anyone until you have been checked out. If you do not have a provider, call your local health department at 910-572-1393.
- If you have come into contact with someone who has a new or unexplained rash, notify your health care provider or your local health department.

For more information on the transmission of Monkeypox and vaccine availability, visit <https://epi.dph.ncdhhs.gov/cd/docs/Monkeypox-WhatYouNeedtoKnow.pdf>.

This is an evolving situation, and new information may result in changes to public health recommendations. Current information regarding Monkeypox will be shared as we are made aware. If you have any questions you may visit our website at www.montgomerycountync.com or call our office at 910-572-1393.

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