



Monkeypox

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- What is monkeypox? (+)
- What are the symptoms of monkeypox? (+)
- Can people get seriously ill or die from monkeypox? (+)
- How does monkeypox spread from person to person? (+)
- How does monkeypox spread from animals to humans? (+)
- Can monkeypox spread from humans to animals? (+)
- Who is at risk of catching monkeypox? (+)
- How can I protect myself and others against monkeypox? (+)
- What should I do if I think I may have monkeypox symptoms or have been exposed to someone who has monkeypox? (+)
- If I have monkeypox, what should I do to protect other people from getting infected? (+)
- Is there a vaccine against monkeypox? (+)
- What is the treatment for people with monkeypox? (+)
- Where in the world is there currently a risk of monkeypox? (+)
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- What do we know about the outbreak of monkeypox in several countries in 2022? (+)
- Is there a risk of this becoming a larger outbreak? (+)
- What do we know about monkeypox and sex? (+)
- Are men who have sex with men at higher risk of catching monkeypox? (+)
- What is WHO's response to stigmatising messaging circulating online related to monkeypox? (+)
- Is my risk of becoming infected, developing serious symptoms or dying from monkeypox higher if I am living with HIV? (+)
- I think I have been exposed to someone who has monkeypox. What should I do? (+)
- Is my risk of catching or getting serious symptoms from monkeypox higher if I have COVID-19, or if I am suffering from long-COVID? (+)
- My local sexual health care services are overwhelmed – what can I do to reduce the burden on them? (+)
- Can children get monkeypox? (+)
- What should I do if a child in my care has symptoms that could be monkeypox? (+)
- What are the risks of monkeypox during pregnancy? (+)
- Can I continue to breastfeed if I have been diagnosed with monkeypox? (+)
- Why is this disease called 'monkeypox'? (+)
- Can the monkeypox virus be spread through a blood transfusion? (+)
- Does past exposure to chickenpox provide any protection against monkeypox? (+)
- Is there a test to check whether I have had monkeypox in the past? (+)
- I've had monkeypox in the past. Can I catch it again? (+)

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