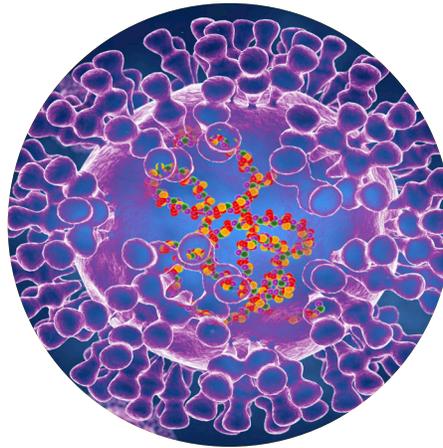


Monkeypox

In early May 2022, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) began actively tracking multiple reported clusters of monkeypox illness in several countries that do not normally report monkeypox, including the United States. While the CDC reports that the reason for a recent uptick in people exposed to monkeypox is unclear, close contact with someone who has monkeypox may put anyone at risk.¹

What is the monkeypox virus?

Monkeypox is a rare zoonotic disease caused by the monkeypox virus, which belongs to the *Orthopoxvirus* genus which also includes the virus that causes smallpox.² Monkeypox was first identified in 1958 when two outbreaks of a pox-like disease occurred in colonies of monkeys kept for research, hence the name “monkeypox.” However, monkeypox may also be harbored in rodents, as was the case in an outbreak in the U.S. in 2003 that was caused by infected pet prairie dogs imported from Africa.²



What are the symptoms of monkeypox?

The monkeypox virus can cause flu-like symptoms including, but not limited to, fever, headache, chills, fatigue and swollen lymph nodes accompanied by lesions or rash. The rash, resembling pimples or blisters, may appear on the genitals or anus and could be on other areas of the body like face, hands, or feet.³ Monkeypox is usually a self-limited disease with the symptoms lasting from 2 to 4 weeks.⁴ For people at high risk for serious outcomes or for those whose symptoms are serious, monkeypox may be treated with some of the antivirals developed to treat smallpox.⁵

How is monkeypox spread?

Monkeypox is spread through direct contact with virus from an infected animal or human, or materials contaminated with the virus. Transmission from an infected person may occur from prolonged close contact (including sexual contact), contact with body fluids or sores, or contact with materials, such as clothing or linen. Although less common, monkeypox can be spread from respiratory secretions on an infected person during prolonged face-to-face contact. Monkeypox can also be transmitted from infected mother to unborn fetus.⁶

Who is at risk?

Monkeypox is historically a rare disease and does not spread as easily as SARS-CoV-2 or other respiratory viral pathogens. However, anyone with close, personal contact with someone who has monkeypox is at risk of infection. Persons with compromised immune systems, pediatric patients, pregnant women, or people with other concurrent infections may be at greater risk for serious disease from monkeypox infection.⁵

Infection Control Measures

The CDC provides useful guidance and resources related to the monkeypox outbreak, including infection control measures. These should all be implemented when a person is suspected of being infected with monkeypox.^{7,8}

- ▶ **Isolation:** Persons suspected of or confirmed with monkeypox should be isolated in a room or area separate from others. The person should not leave isolation or have visitors to limit contact with others and reduce the risk of spread.
- ▶ **Personal protective equipment (PPE):** Healthcare workers and those directly caring for someone with monkeypox should wear gown, gloves, eye protection, and a N95 mask or respirator as appropriate.
- ▶ **Hand hygiene:** Infected persons and close contacts should perform hand hygiene after touching lesion material, clothing, linens or environmental surfaces that may be contaminated.
- ▶ **Cleaning and disinfection:** Use an EPA-registered disinfectant with an emerging viral pathogens claim to regularly clean and disinfect contaminated surfaces. Follow all manufacturer directions for use, including concentration, contact time, and care and handling.

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Surface disinfectants for emerging viral pathogens (EVPs) like Monkeypox

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has activated its Emerging Viral Pathogens (EVP) Policy to allow product manufacturers to make off-label claims about effectiveness against the monkeypox virus. The EVP Policy is an important tool which allows for a quick way to address environmental surface disinfection for an emerging viral pathogen of public health concern.

These CloroxPro and Clorox Healthcare products have demonstrated effectiveness against viruses similar to the monkeypox virus on hard, nonporous surfaces and can be used against the monkeypox virus when used in accordance with the directions for use against the virus listed for each product in the table on hard, non-porous surfaces.

PRODUCT	EPA REG. NO.	FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS FOR USE (DFU) AND CONTACT TIME FOR THE ORGANISM BELOW
Clorox® Clorox EcoClean™ Disinfecting Cleaner	67619-45	Rhinovirus (30 seconds)
CloroxPro® Clorox® Germicidal Bleach	67619-32	Rhinovirus (5 minutes)
CloroxPro® Clorox® Disinfecting Wipes	67619-31	Rotavirus (4 minutes)
CloroxPro® Clorox® Clean-Up® Disinfectant Cleaner with Bleach	67619-17	Rhinovirus (Spray 30 seconds) (Direct application by cloth – 5 minutes)
CloroxPro® Clorox® Disinfecting Spray	67619-21	Rhinovirus (30 seconds)
CloroxPro® Clorox® Disinfecting Bio Stain & Odor Remover	67619-33	Norovirus (5 minutes)
Clorox® Toilet Bowl Cleaner with Bleach	67619-16	Rhinovirus (10 minutes)
CloroxPro® Clorox® Total 360® Disinfecting Cleaner	67619-38	Adenovirus (2 minutes)
CloroxPro® Clorox® Anywhere® Daily Disinfectant & Sanitizer	67619-42	Rhinovirus (5 minutes)
CloroxPro® Clorox® 4 in One Disinfectant & Sanitizer Aerosol Spray	67619-29	Rhinovirus (5 minutes)
CloroxPro® Tilex® Disinfecting Soap Scum Remover	5813-40-67619	Rhinovirus (10 minutes)
Clorox Healthcare® Bleach Germicidal Wipes	67619-12	Rhinovirus (1 minute)
Clorox Healthcare® Bleach Germicidal Cleaner	56392-7	Norovirus (1 minute)
Clorox Healthcare® Fuzion® Cleaner Disinfectant	67619-30	Rhinovirus (1 minute)
Clorox Healthcare® Spore ¹⁰ Defense™ Cleaner Disinfectant	67619-40	Rhinovirus (1 minute)
Dispatch® Hospital Cleaner Disinfectant Towels with Bleach	56392-8	Adenovirus (1 minute)
Clorox Healthcare® Hydrogen Peroxide Cleaner Disinfectant Wipes	67619-25	Rhinovirus (1 minute)
Clorox Healthcare® Hydrogen Peroxide Cleaner Disinfectant	67619-24	Rhinovirus (1 minute)
Clorox Healthcare® VersaSure® Cleaner Disinfectant Wipes	67619-37	Norovirus (5 minutes)
Clorox Healthcare® Citrace® Hospital Disinfectant and Sanitizer Aerosol Spray	67619-29	Rhinovirus (5 minutes)
Clorox® Broad Spectrum Quaternary Disinfectant Cleaner	67619-20	Hepatitis A Virus (10 minutes)

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