Monkeypox is a disease caused by infection with the monkeypox virus. The virus shares similar symptoms with smallpox.

**How does it spread?**
- Direct skin-to-skin contact with an infectious rash, scabs, or body fluids.
- Respiratory secretions during prolonged, face-to-face contact, or during intimate physical contact, such as kissing, cuddling, or sex.
- Touching objects, fabrics such as clothing or linens that previously touched the rash or body fluids of someone with monkeypox.
- Being scratched or bitten by an infected animal

Monkeypox can spread from the time symptoms start until the rash has fully healed and a fresh layer of skin has formed. This can take several weeks.

**How to prevent?**
- Avoid skin-to-skin physical contact and intimate contact with a person with monkeypox.
- Do not handle, touch, or share utensils, cups bedding, towels, or clothing of a person with monkeypox.
- Frequently wash hands with soap and water or use an alcohol-based sanitizer.

**Symptoms**

Monkeypox symptoms usually appear one to two weeks after infection, but sometimes this can extend to 3 weeks. You may experience the symptoms listed below:

- Fever
- Chills
- Rashes
- Muscle pain/Backaches
- Fatigue
- Swelling of lymph nodes behind ears, on the neck, in the groin area, or in the armpits

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