## M O N K E Y P O X

If You Have Monkeypox:

## **Preventing Spread to Others**

If you have monkeypox, you are advised to stay at home (isolate) until your monkeypox rash has healed and a new layer of skin has formed. Staying away from other people and not sharing things you have touched with others will help prevent the spread of monkeypox. Monkeypox can also spread to animals, so staying away from pets, livestock and other animals is important.

Not every person has the same ability or resources to remain at home for a long period of time. The table below provides options for how to prevent spreading monkeypox to others, organized by the risk of spread. Whenever possible, higher risk options should be avoided, and the lowest risk options should be followed.

| Situation*   | Lowest Risk   | Intermediate Risk   | Highest Risk  |
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| Living Space | Remain alone in a<br>home or where only<br>others with monkeypox<br>are located.<br>Cover upholstered<br>furniture and porous<br>materials that cannot<br>be washed with sheets,<br>blankets, tarps, and<br>other covers. | Remain in a separate room in a home<br>or facility away from others who do<br>not have monkeypox.<br>Cover all upholstered furniture<br>and porous surfaces with sheets,<br>blankets, tarps, or other covers.<br>Wear a well-fitting mask and cover<br>lesions while around others.<br>Disinfect surfaces (doorknobs,<br>countertops) between each use. | Share space with others but avoid<br>close contact.<br>Do not share a bed with another<br>person.<br>Wear a well-fitting mask and cover<br>lesions while around others.<br>Disinfect surfaces (doorknobs,<br>countertops) between each use. |
| Bathroom     | Use a separate<br>bathroom not shared<br>by others.   | Use a shared bathroom, but disinfect<br>surfaces (counters, toilet seats,<br>faucets, shower, bathtub) between<br>each use.<br>Do not share towels, washcloths,<br>or objects in the bathroom like<br>toothbrushes or drink from the same<br>glass.   | Use a shared bathroom that is cleaned<br>frequently.<br>Clean shared objects between use.<br>Do not share towels or washcloths<br>even if they have been washed in-<br>between use.   |



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| Shared Items (linens, clothing, cups, dishes, eating utensils, etc.) | Do not share items with others.  | Wash any items that will be used by<br>others with detergent (or soap) and<br>water thoroughly after each use.   |   |
| Leaving Home to<br>Get Supplies or<br>Care                           | Do not leave your<br>home (except for<br>emergencies).<br>Have all supplies<br>delivered without<br>direct contact with<br>others. | Only leave home for emergencies<br>and essential activities while wearing<br>a well-fitting mask, with all lesions<br>fully covered.<br>Walk, bike, or drive by yourself if you<br>need to leave. Avoid public transit.<br>Disinfect any shared vehicles.<br>Avoid ride-share services.  | Perform limited daily activities outside<br>the home with all lesions fully covered<br>and wearing a well-fitting mask.<br>Avoid public transit as much as<br>possible. If public transit is your only<br>option, try to avoid busy transit times<br>and keep as much distance between<br>yourself and others as possible.<br>If you use ride share services,<br>minimize the number of passengers in<br>the vehicle, keep as much distance as<br>possible from the driver, wear a mask,<br>and open windows if possible.   |
| Working Away<br>from Home**  | Do not leave your home<br>for work. Telework<br>instead.   | Work in a separate space away from<br>others with all lesions fully covered<br>and wearing a well-fitting mask.<br>Limit your time in the workplace as<br>much as you can. Do not use shared<br>spaces like breakrooms, common<br>bathrooms, meeting rooms, etc.<br>Disinfect your work surfaces after<br>you finish your work.<br>Walk, bike, or drive yourself if you need<br>to travel to work. Avoid public transit.<br>Disinfect any shared vehicles.<br>Avoid ride-share services. | Maintain as much distance between<br>yourself, co-workers, and the public as<br>you can.<br>Wear a well-fitting mask and cover<br>rash while around others.<br>Clean/disinfect surfaces that could<br>be used by others in common areas<br>like breakrooms, bathrooms, meeting<br>rooms, etc.<br>Avoid public transit as much as<br>possible. When not feasible, try to<br>avoid busy transit times and keep as<br>much distance between yourself and<br>others as possible.<br>If you use ride share services,<br>minimize the number of passengers in<br>the vehicle, keep as much distance as<br>possible from the driver, wear a mask,<br>and open windows if possible. |
| Living with<br>Animals   | Avoid contact with<br>any pets in the home<br>or other animals,<br>especially mammals.   | Minimize petting/touching of pets<br>and other animals.<br>If touching animals, keep rash fully<br>covered to avoid contact between the<br>rash and the animal.<br>Wear a well-fitting mask.   |   |

\* From the time symptoms start until the rash has fully healed and a fresh layer of skin has formed.

\*\* Persons with monkeypox may need to work with their employer on accommodations if they are unable to stay home from work during the period when isolation is recommended.



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