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14 Monkeypox Cases in Dallas County Residents, Including Local Transmission

DALLAS (July 12, 2022) – Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) is reporting a total of 14 monkeypox cases in Dallas County residents since the start of the outbreak, including local transmission connected to a previously reported incident of local exposure. DCHHS provides public updates on the number of confirmed monkeypox cases in Dallas County residents here: <https://www.dallascounty.org/departments/dchhs/monkeypox.php>

The threat of monkeypox to the general Dallas County population remains low. Monkeypox is rare and does not spread easily between people without close, personal, skin-to-skin contact. Men who have sex with men and who engage in high-risk sexual activities make up a larger proportion of cases identified to date. However, the risk is not limited to the LGBTQ community, and anyone who has been in close contact with someone who has monkeypox is at risk. Monkeypox vaccine is now in low supply and can only be offered to those with known skin-to-skin contact with a confirmed monkeypox case.

Monkeypox is spread through contact with body fluids, monkeypox sores, or shared items (such as clothing and bedding) that have been contaminated with fluids or sores of a person with monkeypox. Monkeypox virus can also spread between people through respiratory droplets typically in a close setting, such as people living in the same household or in a healthcare setting. Persons with monkeypox may develop symptoms such as a fever, swollen lymph nodes and general body aches before developing a rash. People should seek medical attention if they develop symptoms of monkeypox.

For more information, visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/index.html>

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