This is an important message to all visitors of monkeypox virus.

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Monkeypox is a disease caused by a virus not commonly seen in the United States. However, monkeypox cases recently have been found in the United States. Monkeypox can make you sick, with symptoms like a rash, which may look like pimples, blisters, or sores, often with an earlier flu-like illness. We are monitoring the situation and are working with public health authorities to stop the further spread of the current monkeypox outbreak. If we all know the facts and work together, we can help to stop the spread of monkeypox.

We want you to have fun while you are at

. Please follow the tips below.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water or use hand sanitizer
- Stay home and contact your healthcare provider if you:
 - feel sick
 - o have a fever, chills, or swollen lymph nodes,
 - o have a new or unexplained rash, which may look like pimples, blisters, or sores

Monkeypox can spread to anyone through close, personal, often skin-to-skin contact including:

- Direct contact with monkeypox rash, sores, or scabs from a person with monkeypox.
- Contact with objects, fabrics (clothing, bedding, or towels), and surfaces that have been used by someone with monkeypox.
- Contact with respiratory secretions, through kissing and other face-to-face contact.

This contact can happen in certain social and sexual situations including:

- Hugging, massage, and kissing.
- Oral, anal, and vaginal sex or touching the genitals (penis, testicles, labia, and vagina) or anus (butt) of a person with monkeypox.
- Touching fabrics and objects that were used by a person with monkeypox and that have not been disinfected, such as bedding, towels, fetish gear, and sex toys.

The risk to most people remains low, but knowledge empowers us all and keeps us healthy!

For more information about monkeypox, visit Monkeypox in the United States | Monkeypox | Poxvirus | CDC

In good health,