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## THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN MARTIN COUNTY IS RESPONDING TO THE NATIONWIDE MONKEYPOX OUTBREAK



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**Martin County, FL** – The Florida Department of Health in Martin County (DOH-Martin) is responding to the monkeypox outbreak. There are cases of monkeypox in most states across the country. The risk of monkeypox to the general population remains low.

DOH-Martin is conducting epidemiological investigations to notify possible exposures and offer potential post-exposure prophylaxis. DOH-Martin is offering the vaccine to identified close contacts of the cases. Vaccine for the general public is not available at this time.

Up to date information on monkeypox is available at [FloridaHealth.gov](https://www.floridahealth.gov). Case data for monkeypox, as well as other reportable diseases, can be found on [FLHealthCharts.gov](https://www.flhealthcharts.gov).

### Prevention and Treatment

If health care providers suspect a possible case of monkeypox, **immediately [contact your local health department](#)** or the 24/7 disease reporting hotline at 850-245-4401. Local county health departments can help providers obtain monkeypox virus-specific real-time polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing.

Human-to-human transmission generally requires prolonged, face-to-face contact, direct contact with lesion materials, or indirect contact with lesion materials through contaminated items, such as contaminated clothing. Therefore, the risk of exposure remains low.

Health care providers should remain vigilant of information related to monkeypox:

- [Monkeypox symptoms](#), especially among individuals with [relevant travel history](#).
- [Transmission](#) and [incubation](#) periods.
- [Specimen collection](#).
- Infection control procedures in the [home](#) and [hospital](#) settings.
- [Clinical recognition](#), and the [characteristic rash](#) associated with monkeypox.
- [Prophylaxis and possible treatments](#) for monkeypox.
- Monitoring of those [exposed to monkeypox](#).

The public should also remain vigilant of the current meningococcal outbreak. **Demographic impacts are similar among meningococcal and monkeypox cases.** The [meningococcal vaccines](#) are available to high-risk populations at every county health department, free of charge.

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