Monkeypox
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Monkeypox is a rare disease that is caused by the monkeypox virus (similar to the small pox virus) and can affect anyone. Several clusters of monkeypox have been reported starting in May 2022 in several countries, including the US.

Monkeypox can spread from person to person through direct physical contact with the rash or scabs; from face-to-face contact through respiratory droplets; or close, intimate contact. Symptoms of monkeypox include: a rash that looks like pimples or blisters that appear anywhere on the body, including genitals; fever; headache; swollen lymph nodes; and body aches.

People who think they have been exposed to monkeypox or have symptoms of monkeypox should isolate themselves from others and contact their healthcare provider.

For complete, up-to-date information about monkeypox, including prevention, please visit the CDC website and the New Jersey Department of Health website.