



# Clinton County Health Department

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## News Release

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### Monkeypox: What You Need to Know

**Plattsburgh, May 26, 2022.** On Friday, the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) announced they were investigating two potential cases of Monkeypox in New York State. Since that announcement, one case has been ruled out and the second case is still under investigation.

“There are currently no cases of Monkeypox in our region,” explained Debra Tackett, Director of Health Care Services at the Clinton County Health Department (CCHD). “While there is still a case investigation underway in the state, it is believed the risk to the general public is very low.” Residents do not need to take any specific action at this time.

The NYSDOH and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are monitoring the situation within NYS and the U.S. “CCHD participates regularly in situational briefs with the state and will continue to relay information to residents if the situation changes,” added Ms. Tackett.

Monkeypox is a viral illness similar to small pox but less severe. It is rare in the United States and is usually associated with international travel or importing of animals from other countries. Monkeypox typically begins with fever, headache, muscle aches, and exhaustion. Within 1 to 3 days (sometimes longer) after the appearance of fever, the patient develops a rash, often beginning on the face then spreading to other parts of the body. The illness typically lasts 2-4 weeks.

For more information on Monkeypox, residents can visit <https://health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/zoonoses/monkeypox/> or [www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox](http://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox).

### About the Clinton County Health Department:

**The Health Department is an accredited full service department serving the residents of Clinton County. The Health Department’s Mission is to improve and protect the health, well-being and environment of the people of Clinton County. Visit our website at [www.clintonhealth.org](http://www.clintonhealth.org) or connect with us on Facebook (@clintonhealth), Twitter (@ClintonCountyHD), and Instagram (clintoncountyhealth).**

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