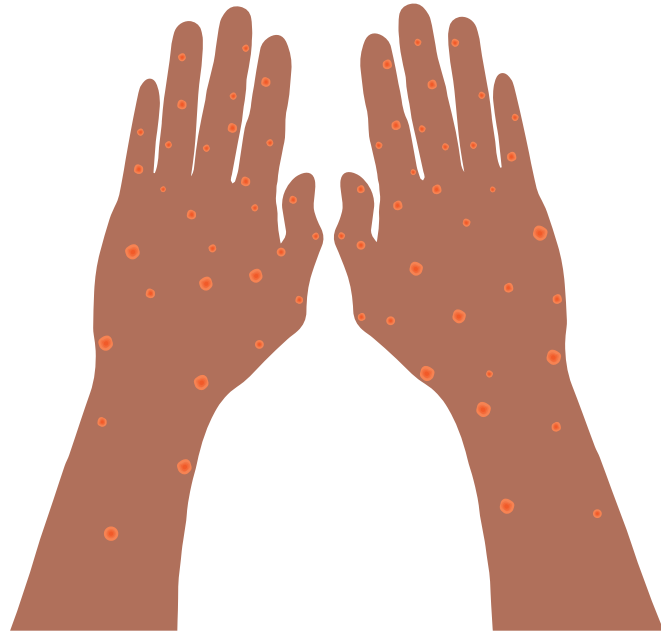


# MONKEYPOX SYMPTOMS

## WHAT IS MONKEYPOX?

Monkeypox is a rare disease caused by infection with the monkeypox virus. The virus is part of the smallpox virus family. Monkeypox symptoms are similar to smallpox, but milder. It is rarely fatal.



## COMMON SYMPTOMS

- A rash around your genitals, hands, arms or mouth. The rash can initially look like pimples or blisters and may be painful or itchy.
- Fever
- Chills
- Swollen lymph nodes
- Exhaustion
- Muscle aches, backache
- Headache
- Sore throat, nasal congestion, or cough

## HOW LONG DOES IT LAST?

Monkeypox symptoms usually start within 3 weeks of exposure and last 2-4 weeks.

If someone has flu-like symptoms, they usually develop a rash 1-4 days later. It is contagious from the time symptoms start until the rash has healed, all scabs have fallen off, and a fresh layer of skin has formed.

## OTHER INFO ABOUT SYMPTOMS

- Some people have flu-like symptoms before the rash.
- Some people get a rash first, followed by other symptoms.
- Others only experience a rash.

