

Monkeypox Communiqué

Context :

- On 23 July 2022, the World Health Organization declared the current Monkeypox outbreak to be a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC).
- Transport Canada continues to actively monitor the Monkeypox situation in partnership with other Government of Canada departments (i.e., Health Canada and the Public Health Agency of Canada) and international colleagues (including members of the International Civil Aviation Organization).

Monkeypox virus:

- What is Monkeypox?
 - Monkeypox is a disease caused by a virus that usually causes a skin rash.
 - Although normally a mild illness from which most people recover on their own after a few days, in some situations, people may become very sick and death may occur.
- How does Monkeypox spread?
 - From person-to-person;
 - Through direct contact with contaminated objects; and
 - From animals to humans.
- How to reduce your risk of becoming infected with, or spreading, the Monkeypox virus in line with public health advice?
 - Stay at home and limit contact with others if you have symptoms, or as recommended by your health care provider;
 - Avoid close physical contact, including sexual contact, with someone who is infected with or may have been exposed to the monkeypox virus;
 - Maintain good hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette including:
 - covering coughs and sneezes with the bend of your arm; **or**
 - wearing a well-fitting mask.
 - Clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces and objects in your home, especially after having visitors.
- How to lower your overall risk of getting infected with, and spreading, the Monkeypox virus or sexually transmitted infections during intimate contact?
 - Use condoms;
 - Practice safe sex; and
 - Have fewer sexual partners, particularly those who are anonymous even when they don't have symptoms.
- For more information, please consult the Government of Canada Monkeypox outbreak update and follow public health advice: [Monkeypox: Outbreak update - Canada.ca](#)

Transport Canada directives:

- Transport Canada continues to work with international aviation colleagues (i.e., the Collaborative Arrangement for the Prevention and Management of Public Health Events in Civil Aviation) and Government of Canada officials (PHAC) to monitor the situation.
- The Canadian aviation industry is encouraged to monitor public health advice and travel advisories related to Monkeypox.
- Should individuals with Monkeypox symptoms present themselves at check-in, airlines should consult the latest public health advice in the given jurisdiction.