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Sent on behalf of Dr. Elizabeth Asiago-Reddy, Associate Professor and Chief, Division of Infectious Disease and Medical Director, Inclusive Health Services...

As you may have seen in the news, new cases of Monkeypox virus, apparently from person-to-person spread, have been identified recently, with about 100 known cases globally. Most cases are in Europe, but a small number have been identified in the U.S.

Monkeypox should be considered in patients with a generalized rash that appears papular or pustular. The rash is typically present on the palms and soles and frequently there are oral and genital lesions as well as lymphadenopathy. The rash appears after a prodrome of fever and malaise. Most of the cases in the current outbreak have occurred in men who have sex with men.

Suspected cases should be isolated in private rooms, negative pressure if possible, and out of an abundance of caution it is recommended at this time that enhanced airborne precautions be used for patient care and when cleaning the room. Infectious disease should be consulted.

The risk to the general public from Monkeypox remains very low. However, as a health care institution it is important for us to be aware in order to identify any possible cases and prevent ongoing infections.

Monkeypox is primarily transmitted through close contact with the rash lesions or with respiratory secretions. Droplet spread from coughing/sneezing is also likely. Airborne spread is a theoretical possibility but appears to be of very low likelihood.

All of the cases in the current outbreak appear to have been spread through close contact.

Please see the New York state recommendations for obtaining and sending laboratory samples. https://urldefense.com/v3/https://apps.health.ny.gov/pub/ctrldocs/alrtview/postings/Joint_MPox_HAN_20_May22_1653087893910_0.pdf ;!!GobTDDpD7A!PutNPHs9BTaa9NJdwDZOGk9mo6IzivoNv48ES2dc4d1hOn1z9AtJBAmA5_0k3W6WFON3U5zzQlrRL8_Q0pxrITU4\$

Best,
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