

WHAT HOTEL STAFF SHOULD KNOW ABOUT MONKEYPOX

WHAT IS MONKEYPOX?

Monkeypox is an infection caused by the monkeypox virus. It leads to rash and flu-like symptoms.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR HOTEL EMPLOYEES TO KNOW THIS INFORMATION?

There is a risk of contracting this virus when handling items used by someone with Monkeypox, such as clothing, bedding, towels, tables and furniture.

HOW IS IT SPREAD?

- Direct skin-to-skin contact (including sexual intimacy) with the monkeypox rash, sores, or scabs.
- Exposure to bodily fluids of someone infected with the monkeypox virus
- Contact with objects that have been used by someone with monkeypox (clothes, linens, surfaces).
- Exposure to respiratory droplets or oral fluids during prolonged face-to-face contact with someone with monkeypox.

HOW CAN I PROTECT MYSELF WHILE AT WORK?

- Frequent handwashing is critical. You can use either soap and hot water, or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- It is recommended to wear gloves and isolation gowns while cleaning areas that guests utilize (rooms, common areas, etc.)
- Routinely clean and disinfect commonly touched surfaces and items using an EPA-registered disinfectant.
 - This includes surfaces like tables, countertops, door handles, toilet flush handles, faucets, light switches, and floors.
- If you are made aware of a positive case of Monkeypox in your establishment, please call the Meriden Department of Health and Human Services for additional guidance on cleaning and disinfecting.



Please contact us at (203) 630-4221 with any questions or requests for more information.