Yavapai County

Our Mission: "Yavapai County will serve and protect its citizens through efficient management of all its resources to enhance the lives of those we serve."

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YCCHS Update:

The Yavapai County Community Health Services identified the first, confirmed case of Monkeypox in an individual in Yavapai County. The individual likely contracted it through contact during travel outside of Yavapai County. This individual is isolating. As of August 22nd, 2022, there are no additional, confirmed cases of Monkeypox in Yavapai County.

Monkeypox is spread through sexual contact, respiratory fluid, prolonged and close skin to skin contact, contact with sores and bodily fluid, and contact with fabrics that have not been disinfected. Currently, Yavapai County is not at a great risk for a widespread outbreak of Monkeypox.

No Monkeypox vaccinations are available in Yavapai County. Maricopa and Pima county have online vaccination request forms (links below) for those concerned with exposure.

Maricopa County: Qualtrics Survey | Qualtrics Experience Management
Pima County: Qualtrics Survey | Qualtrics Experience Management

Monkeypox symptoms usually start within 3 weeks of exposure to the virus. If someone has flu-like symptoms, they will usually develop a rash 1-4 days later. Monkeypox can be spread from the time symptoms start until the rash has healed, all scabs have fallen off, and a fresh layer of skin has formed. The illness typically lasts 2-4 weeks. Other symptoms include: fever, headache, muscles/back aches, swollen lymph nodes, chills, exhaustion, sore throat, congestion, and cough. The symptoms may occur separately or together.

The best way to avoid contracting Monkeypox is to avoid close contact with a person who has an active Monkeypox infection, avoid materials contaminated with Monkeypox, wash hands with soap and water and use alcohol-based sanitizers.

The CDC provides resources about Monkeypox for any concerned individuals. It can be found at
Monkeypox | Poxvirus | CDC

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