

UNDERSTANDING

MonkeyPOX

WHAT IS THE MONKEYPOX VIRUS?



- Classified as a viral *zoonosis* (virus contracted through animal-to-human transmission)
- Similar symptoms to the chickenpox virus, typically leaves 2-4 weeks before clearing up on its own
- First discovered among a colony of monkeys back in 1958 and primarily occurs in parts of Central and West Africa

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?



Sudden
acute rashes



Fever and
bodyache



Swollen
lymph nodes

HOW IS IT TRANSMITTED?



- Close contact with lesions and contaminated materials
- Contact with infected person's respiratory droplets and bodily fluids

HOW CAN WE COMBAT MONKEYPOX?



- Maintain proper hand and body hygiene.
- Consult a healthcare provider after exposure to an individual with the disease.



SOURCE: World Health Organization