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SECOND PROBABLE CASE OF MONKEYPOX DIAGNOSED IN SANTA CRUZ COUNTY RESIDENT

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY –A second probable case of monkeypox has been identified in a Santa Cruz County resident through testing at a California Reference Laboratory Network (RLN) facility. The individual is under the care of a medical provider, in isolation, and in good condition. Santa Cruz County Public Health is awaiting results of confirmatory test results from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Contact tracing is currently ongoing.

Monkeypox can spread through activities that include intimate sexual contact, kissing, breathing at very close range, or sharing bedding and clothing. It appears as a distinctive rash or sores on the skin anywhere on the body, including in the genital area. It often begins as flu-like symptoms.

Individuals who may have been exposed to monkeypox, or who have symptoms, should immediately contact a health care provider for evaluation and guidance. Clinicians should report suspected monkeypox cases to the County's Communicable Disease Unit by calling 831-454-4114.

Santa Cruz County Public Health is monitoring updates and guidance from the CDC and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) on the evolving situation. Systems are in place to receive reports of suspected cases from health care providers, to identify and reach out to individuals who have been in contact with cases during the infectious period, and to ensure that clinicians remain well informed about testing, infection control and management of monkeypox as the situation develops.

For more information on monkeypox, visit www.santacruzhealth.org/monkeypox or call 831-454-4242.

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