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# Biden administration declares monkeypox a public health emergency

Monkeypox has infected an estimated 6,600 Americans

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Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra on Thursday said he was declaring a public health emergency over the [monkeypox outbreak](#).

"In light of evolving circumstances on the ground, I am declaring a public health emergency on #monkeypox," Becerra said in a statement. "We are prepared to take our response to the next level in [addressing this virus](#) and we urge every American to take monkeypox seriously."



The monkeypox outbreak has infected more than 6,600 Americans. The emergency declaration frees up federal money and other resources to fight the virus, which may cause fever, body aches, chills, fatigue and pimple-like bumps on many parts of the body. A public health emergency can be extended, similar to what happened during the [COVID-19 pandemic](#).



Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra speaks during a news conference at the department's headquarters in Washington on June 28, 2022. (Amanda Andrade-Rhoades/Bloomberg via Getty Images)

The White House said it has made more than 1.1 million vaccine doses available and helped boost domestic diagnostic capacity to 80,000 tests per week.

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Last week, the World Health Organization [called monkeypox a public health emergency](#), with cases in more than 70 countries. A global emergency is the WHO's highest level of alert, but the designation does not necessarily mean a disease is particularly transmissible or lethal.

California, Illinois and New York have all made declarations in the last week, as have New York City, San Francisco and San Diego County.

The monkeypox virus spreads through prolonged and close skin-to-skin contact as well as sharing bedding, towels and clothing. Health officials have emphasized that the virus can infect anyone, but the people who have gotten sick so far have been primarily men who have sex with men.

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Earlier this week, the Biden administration named top officials from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to serve as the White House coordinators to combat the monkeypox outbreak.

*The Associated Press contributed to this report.*

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Chickenpox vaccine became available in the United States in 1995. Each year, more than 3.5 million cases of c...**See more**
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- When I was a kid, If a kid had chickenpox, people would bring their children around the infected kid so they would catch it and thus build immunity. *(Edited)*
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- When I had Chickenpox in the 80's my parents still went to work. They had it as a child and it was unlikely that they would get it a second time. Monkeypox, which is in the same family as Smallpox, last two to four weeks on average. Sure most people recover or don't know they have it, there isn'...**See more**
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Yet another manufactured crisis to divert the attention of the inflation/economic downturn we are experiencing. The Dems got to go this fall.

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This is step number one with goal of forcing through federal mandate for mail-in balloting and therefore massive vote fraud for the election in November and then

again in the upcoming Presidential election. The Dems should be able to milk this "crisis " for at least two years. They have a proven pr...[See more](#) *(Edited)*

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This medical problem will worsen during October:) Any bets?

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LHS72 · 2 hours ago

It's the mid-term variant.

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D **DaveJ190** · 2 hours ago

The Monkeypox diaper will now become mandatory. Modeled after the Biden diaper, It covers the most likely entry point for the virus and will "keep all of us safe".

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**kyyankeefan** · 2 hours ago

Adam Schiffilis? Donkeypox?

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Low transmission rate, mild symptoms. So glad they didn't wait to get ahead of this before the midterm elections or it may have gone unnoticed.

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They are renaming it the Brandon Mid term Virus.

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R **rygby** · 2 hours ago  
Dems: we're going to need more mail-in ballots!!  
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M **menschnik7** · 2 hours ago  
Even the CDC and WHO say it's transmission is pretty much based on physical contact with open sores, a minor detail that's left out, when it comes to the MSM messaging about contact with clothing, surfaces, and other physical conditions. I wonder why? I really do, but most individuals with a fully ...[See more](#)

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A vaccine is already available.  
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w **whodare** · 1 hour ago  
If tax dollars are going to this, then I propose a vaccine that turns the skin bright green as any early indicator of monkey pox infection and only goes back to normal when the infection has cleared.  
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Better than bright orange  
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6600 out of 330 million and the majority in the "Pride" community. It may be a health emergency in that demographic, but not really a "national emergency" in my opinion.  
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**kayley** · 46 minutes ago  
World population 7.8 billion and (as of two weeks ago) 14,000 cases worldwide. Yeah, I'm shaking in my boots! /s Has anyone actually died of this chimera?  
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**staweno** · 40 minutes ago

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Yup, the one eyed brown starfish disease. Not worried.

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The justification for mail-in ballots is now official.

The "fix" is in.

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It's not going to stop with monkeypox. Give it a couple months when Fauci begins to open his mouth about covid again to paint fear in the minds of the voters. Moderate Democrats who would have voted against democrat candidates will not vote at all. They'll be too scared to go out in public. They'd r...**See more**

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**2** **2ndIDvet** · 3 hours ago

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I think we will have a Civil war before that happens

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Monkeypox primarily effects the LGBTQ people. They do not represent the majority of America and therefore it is not a national emergency that requires tax money to be spent on their lifestyle choices.

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**longenoman** · 1 hour ago

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Exactly. I would put money on a bet that if there was a disease that only infected conservative, church going, gun toting, patriots Biden wouldn't have called it a "national health emergency" . . .

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More evidence that deviant behavior is dangerous...

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Coming up to the mid-term election. They have to shut it down somehow in order to try and maintain control.

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If I wanted to cheat, the last thing I'd want is Vote-in-Person using an ID, where 1 person enters a voting booth & pulls the curtain, so it is almost certain he or she is the person who completed the ballot; & where the Poll Watcher system makes cheating infinitely less likely. I'd avoid that at a...**See more**

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If you've received the smallpox vaccination, your 85% protected. No, this 'emergency' is all about another outbreak, an outbreak of fraudulent mail-in voting.

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I remember the good old days when we had a president who cared about our citizens. Sadly that changed on January 20 2021.

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Well in the old days the previous administration liked and supported the working class of America, this new Admin certainly has plenty of favorites but their favs are made up of the aggrieved class of non working freebie seeking semi Americans

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