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Cameron County Confirms First Monkeypox Case

Cameron County Public Health has received confirmation of the first monkeypox case in a Cameron County resident. The individual was tested at a local clinic on Thursday, August 11, 2022. Cameron County Public Health received laboratory confirmation today, August 16th. The individual did not report any recent travel outside the area.

The individual developed lesions and mild symptoms prior to testing. The individual is currently under home isolation and is being monitored by Cameron County Public Health. Privacy laws prohibit the department from disclosing personal information or further details.

Cameron County Public Health has implemented their monkeypox action response plan and is conducting the epidemiological investigation. This includes identifying others who may have been exposed, testing individuals showing signs and symptoms, providing prophylaxis as needed and monitoring close contacts. Cameron County Public Health will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as they are received.

Cameron County continues to emphasize the importance of following prevention methods:

- Avoid close skin-to-skin contact with people who have a rash.
- Do not touch any rashes, scabs, or lesions.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer, especially before eating or touching your face and after using the bathroom.
- Practice social distancing.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.

For information on monkeypox, please contact the Cameron County Public Health Hotline at (956) 247-3650, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or refer to the Cameron County Public Health website for more information and updates at <http://www.cameroncounty.us/publichealth>. Additionally, it is encouraged to visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at <https://www.cdc.gov/> for daily updates.

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