

# How does monkeypox spread?

- Monkeypox can spread through close, personal contact like:
  - Direct contact with monkeypox rash, scabs, or body fluids from a person with monkeypox.
  - Touching objects, fabrics (clothing, bedding, or towels), and surfaces that have been used by someone with monkeypox.
  - Contact with respiratory secretion like saliva.
- This direct contact can happen during intimate contact like:
  - Sex or touching the genital of a person with monkeypox.
  - Hugging, massage, and kissing.
  - Prolonged face-to-face contact.
- Touching fabrics and objects that were used by a person with monkeypox and that have not been disinfected
- A pregnant person can spread the virus to their fetus through the placenta.

