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## Monkeypox (hMPXV) disinformation has spread online through misleading videos, falsely attributed information, and recycling of conspiracies from COVID-19, causing confusion among the public.

On August 4, President Joe Biden issued a public health emergency declaration on monkeypox (hMPXV) to allow for improved government resource allocations. As of August 11, the total confirmed cases of monkeypox (hMPXV) stood at 11,177 nationwide, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

- On August 7, a Twitter user posted a video titled, “They’re lying to you about Monkeypox,” which made several false claims about the virus and stated that the media was intentionally deceiving the gay community, as well as the public at large. The video received at least 300,000 views on Twitter in less than 24 hours.
- On August 3, an image shared on Facebook claimed that BBC had reported that the CDC and the World Health Organization amended their monkeypox (hMPXV) guidance and information. The headline read, “What you need to know about monkeypox.” The image includes false claims, such as monkeypox (hMPXV) is a “form of herpes,” travels in the air, or can lead to paralysis. The BBC has confirmed it did not make the graphic and health officials refuted the claims made in the post as scientifically unsupported.
- Since May, an open-source review of monkeypox (hMPXV) discussions on social media has found that beliefs about the virus have been widely shared and appear recycled from the COVID-19 pandemic. Examples include allegations that a lab released the virus, in addition to it being a byproduct of the COVID-19 vaccinations.

**Disinformation may cause those infected to avoid treatment or vaccination as they may feel stigmatized, which makes managing the monkeypox (hMPXV) outbreak more difficult. According to an MIT technology review, homophobic misinformation circulating about monkeypox (hMPXV) on social media is hampering efforts to curb the disease’s spread. Some of this disinformation stems from COVID-19 conspiracy theories, but much of it attempts to pin blame for the outbreak on LGBTQ+ communities.**

For up-to-date information on monkeypox (hMPXV) and available vaccinations, visit the New Jersey Department of Health’s Monkeypox (hMPXV) web page at [nj.gov/health/cd/topics/monkeypox.shtml](https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/monkeypox.shtml) (<https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/monkeypox.shtml>).

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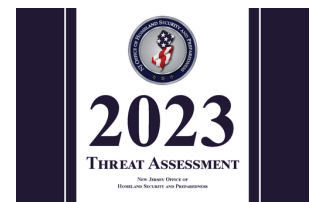
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and government entities will likely respond efforts to avoid and manage a potential outbreak, including vaccine response, and available countermeasures. Since 2015, multiple outbreaks have occurred in several states in the United States, including in 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2022. The 2022 outbreak has been reported in several states, including in California, Texas, and Florida. The 2022 outbreak is the largest and most severe outbreak of monkeypox in the United States since 2003. The 2022 outbreak is the largest and most severe outbreak of monkeypox in the United States since 2003. The 2022 outbreak is the largest and most severe outbreak of monkeypox in the United States since 2003.

- Since 2015, outbreaks began occurring in the United States, resulting in the onset of approximately 100 cases. The majority of cases occurred from 2015 to 2016. In 2015, the first outbreak occurred in Texas, along with an outbreak in California that resulted in the death of a child. The outbreak in California and California Department of Health reported 10 cases in 2015 during an adult 17 hospitalization and California Department of Health reported 10 cases in 2015 during an adult 17 hospitalization and California Department of Health reported 10 cases in 2015 during an adult 17 hospitalization.
- In January, authorities discovered a series of responses to include countermeasures, including: (1) rapid response, (2) public health, (3) case management, and (4) a risk assessment. The 2022 outbreak is the largest and most severe outbreak of monkeypox in the United States since 2003. The 2022 outbreak is the largest and most severe outbreak of monkeypox in the United States since 2003. The 2022 outbreak is the largest and most severe outbreak of monkeypox in the United States since 2003.
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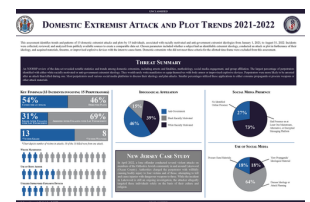
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NJ Department of Health Monkeypox (hMPXV) Website  
(<https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/monkeypox.shtml>)

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(<https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/index.html>)

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