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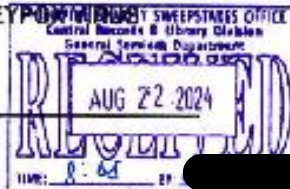
MEMORANDUM NO. MSD0824-27

FOR : ALL PCSO OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

FROM : THE MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT : HEALTH ADVISORY REGARDING MONKEYPOX

DATE : AUGUST 21, 2024



Reference: Department of Health reports as of August 19, 2024

1. Since The World Health Organization has re-declared monkeypox infection as a public health emergency of international concern due to another outbreak of the disease in Africa confirmed cases have also been reported in Sweden and Pakistan. In the Philippines, DOH spokesperson Assistant Secretary Albert Domingo said that the total caseload of mpox remained at nine (9). Four (4) of these cases were detected in 2022, and another five (5) were reported last year with one (1) new mpox case detected in the Philippines on 18 August 2024.
2. Mpox (formerly monkeypox) is a disease caused by the monkeypox virus. It is usually transmitted through close sustained physical contact and has been almost exclusively associated with sexual contact in the 2022-2023 global outbreak. Close contact may be skin-to-skin, mouth-to-mouth, mouth-to-skin or face to face with someone who has the infection. Signs and symptoms include skin rash or mucosal lesions, fever, malaise, chills, headache, and swollen lymph nodes. The rash evolves through 4 stages- from flat to pus-filled lesions before scabbing and desquamation with lesions appearing anywhere in the body. Diagnosing mpox involves testing skin lesion material via PCR.
3. The risk of transmission remains low. However, everyone is reminded to take the following precautions:
 - a. Practice good hygiene. Wash hands frequently with soap and water, avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth, and cover your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing.
 - b. Limit close contact with individuals who are sick, and avoid contact with wild animals; and
 - c. If experiencing any symptoms consistent with Mpox, seek consult with your healthcare provider or with Mpox Referral Hospitals such as the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM), San Lazaro

Hospital, East Avenue Medical Center (EAMC), Jose Reyes Memorial Medical Center (JRMMC), Dr. Jose N. Rodriguez Memorial Hospital, Quirino Memorial Medical Center (QMMC) and Philippine General Hospital (PGH), among others.

4. For your Information and guidance.


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