

Is monkeypox the next pandemic? Possible but not likely

- **Much less transmissible – but this virus may spread more easily than previous**
- **Much slower mutation**
- **Low fatality in adults – more severe in children**
- **Highly effective licensed monkeypox vaccine already available (& smallpox vaccines work)**
- **Case identification & their isolation contained past monkeypox epidemics incl. those in Africa**

Cause for concern?

Monkeypox cases in non-endemic countries*, May 7th-24th 2022

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■ Endemic countries



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Sources: Airfinity; WHO

*Confirmed and suspected cases