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Should Employers Be Worried?

Risk of monkeypox?

The virus is less infectious, and specialists think it offers minimum risk to the general public. The healthcare professionals are aware of the virus and treatments are available with expectation that patients will fully recover. Businesses need to be ready because things can change instantly, as what seen with COVID-19 outbreak.

Symptoms:

Fever
Headache
Muscle ache
Backache
Swollen lymph nodes
Chills
General feeling of exhaustion

What happens if a worker is infected with Monkeypox?

Employees who diagnosed with monkeypox should stay home for 21 days. They may carry on duties at home if the employees are not too ill and able to commit with the tasks. If the employees could not work due to the illness, employers should handle the situation per standard sick leave policies. They may be eligible for sick leave.

How to reduce risk of Monkeypox at workplace?

Event its transmission rates are low, employers should take precautions measure for control the virus spreading within their workplace because they still owe a duty of care to their workers. Monkeypox can spread through respiratory secretions when close contact and touch. Thus, it is encouraging:

- to minimize close contact by attending virtual meeting.
- upgrade ventilation systems to ensure air fresh circulation in office.
- maintain high level of cleanliness at all time.

Although monkeypox was mentioned it can be unsettling, employers may reassure the staffs, there is little chance the virus to cause a new pandemic in order to claim their fears.