

First confirmed case of Monkeypox in a child in Île-de-France

June 25, 2022

Communiqué
de presse

The Regional Health Agency (ARS) Île-de-France informs of the occurrence of a first confirmed case of monkeypox (monkey pox) in a child attending primary school in the region. He was taken care of and shows no signs of seriousness.

The ARS Île-de-France and the teams of Public Health France immediately began the investigations in order to trace the chain of contacts of the child as quickly as possible. A probable case has been identified within the same siblings. Measures have been taken with National Education and a message has been sent to the parents of children who are at-risk contacts at the school attended by the child, in order to follow the following recommendations:

- Monitor the appearance of symptoms (fever, rash) and call 15 if necessary;
- Be offered a consultation in order to have the child benefit from a vaccination if it is deemed necessary by the doctor;
- In the absence of symptoms, and in the state of knowledge, there is no known risk of contagion. No measure is therefore necessary for the child (neither isolation nor adaptation of activities) nor for the other members of the family.

This is the first confirmed case of Monkeypox in a child in France; the virus had previously only affected adults (330 cases confirmed by Santé Publique France as of June 23 at 2 p.m., including 227 in Île-de-France)

The characteristics and the contagiousness of this disease mean that it can also affect children in a family setting by sharing linens, living rooms, cutlery, in particular. This is the case in some countries where this virus is endemic and where transmission can occur through close contact with a person who shows signs of the disease (rash in the form of "pimples"). The risk of transmission, for the entire population, is assessed as low.

The cases reported in France and in Europe have so far occurred mainly in young adults, and are benign.

From the start of the epidemic, the health authorities anticipated the appearance of the virus in children in order to be able to prevent it and take care of confirmed cases through recommendations

adapted from the Haute Autorité de Santé (HAS) and Haut Public Health Council (HCSP).

Go further

Useful links

File: advice and management of monkeypox in Ile-de-France

Key words

monkey pox