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Columbia County has a confirmed case of Orthopoxvirus. This is presumed to be the Monkeypox virus and is considered a probable case. Wadsworth Lab will forward the specimen on to the Centers for Disease Control for confirmatory testing.

“The CCDOH Communicable Disease staff had already been in the planning stages in the event of a confirmed case. The staff stay in continued contact with New York State Department of Health to have the most up-to-date information in trying to prevent the spread of this virus.” said Jack Mabb, Columbia County Director of Public Health.

Based on guidance from NYSDOH, CCDOH staff, have begun a case investigation with the infected individual to identify any contacts that may benefit from the vaccine. Currently the Department has not been allotted any vaccine.

Additional information on the symptoms of monkeypox, how it is spread and measures to avoid exposure along with steps to take if an infection may have occurred can be found on the NYSDOH website: [www.health.ny.gov/monkeypox](http://www.health.ny.gov/monkeypox) .