

**AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE CONTROL OF
COMMUNICABLE AND NONCOMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND CONDITIONS**

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Disease Control and Prevention Act of 1955, 1956, April 23, P.L. 1510, 35 P.S. § 52.1 et seq., (the DCPA) and Section 6-201 of The Philadelphia Code authorize the Board of Health to establish lists of reportable diseases and conditions; and

WHEREAS, Section 4 of the DCPA and Section 6-202 of the Code require health care providers and laboratories identifying these reportable diseases and conditions designated by the Board, to report the occurrence of such diseases and conditions to the Department; and

WHEREAS, the Philadelphia Board of Health has adopted *Regulations Governing the Control of Communicable and Non-communicable Diseases and Conditions* (“Regulations”); and

WHEREAS, the Regulations contain a listing of such diseases and the methods of reporting the occurrence thereof in Sections 2, 3 and 10 of said Regulations; and

WHEREAS, Section 5 of the DCPA and subsection 6-204(1) of the Code authorize the Department to order the isolation of any person found by an attending physician or by the Department to have any disease listed by the Board as a quarantinable disease, in the place, for such period and in such manner as the Board may by regulation prescribe in order to protect public health and to prevent the spread of such disease; and

WHEREAS, Section 5 of the DCPA and subsection 6-204(2) of the Code authorize the Department to order the quarantine of any person who is reasonably suspected of having or being exposed to any disease listed by the Board as a quarantinable disease in the place and in such manner as the Board may by regulation prescribe in order to protect the public health and prevent the spread of such disease and monitoring is an appropriate modified quarantine measure; and

WHEREAS, Section 5 of the DCPA and subsection 6-204(3) of the Code authorize the Department to order the isolation of any person found by an attending physician or by the Department to be a carrier of any disease listed by the Board as a quarantinable disease in the place, for such period and in such manner as the Board may by regulation prescribe in order to prevent the spread of disease through such carriers; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health finds that Monkeypox is an infectious disease of public health importance, and therefore should be included on the list of reportable conditions in the Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that Monkeypox is an infectious disease of public health importance, and therefore should be subject to regulations imposing isolation and monitoring; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Health hereby amends the *Regulations Governing the Control of Communicable and Non-communicable Diseases and Conditions* to read as follows (additions in **Bold** and deletions in Strikethrough):

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE AND
NONCOMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND CONDITIONS

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2. REPORTABLE DISEASES AND CONDITIONS

The Board declares the following diseases, unusual outbreaks of illness, noncommunicable diseases and conditions, poisonings and occupational diseases to be reportable:

(a) Diseases, Conditions, Etc.

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(*) Monkeypox

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10. REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE CONTROL OF THE INFECTED
INDIVIDUALS, CONTACTS, AND ENVIRONMENT FOR EACH REPORTABLE DISEASE

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(*) Monkeypox

(1) Reporting. Report to the Acute Communicable Disease Control Program by telephone or other equally prompt means immediately, and not more than within 24 hours of diagnosis of a probable or confirmed case.

(2) Isolation. Patient shall follow all isolation guidance provided by the Center for Disease Control, as it may be updated. If deemed necessary by the Department in a particular case, the Patient shall be isolated in a hospital, its

equivalent, or home, until the communicable period is over. Isolation Precautions should be maintained until all lesions have crusted, those crusts have separated, and a fresh layer of healthy skin has formed underneath.

(3) Concurrent disinfection. Surfaces and materials used by someone with monkeypox or suspected monkeypox shall be disinfected or discarded.

(4) Terminal disinfection. Terminal disinfection shall consist of thorough cleaning and disinfection.

(5) Monitoring. If deemed necessary by the Department, persons who had close contact with individuals with strains of Monkeypox will be monitored, either actively with phone calls or texts, or passively by the individual reporting symptoms to the Department.