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The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued a warning as the monkeypox virus spreads in multiple countries.

The agency calls for people to 'practice enhanced precautions.'

Cases of the virus have been reported in North America, including in the US, across Europe and Australia.

Monkeypox can spread through contact with skin lesions or bodily fluids

Symptoms include fever, a headache, muscle aches, and swollen lymph nodes, which leads to a rash.

"Travelers should avoid close contact with sick people, and wild animals such as small mammals," it said.

Avoid contact with contaminated materials used by sick people such as clothing, bedding, or materials used in healthcare settings or that came into contact with infected animals."

As at May 21, the World Health Organization noted 92 confirmed cases and a further 28 suspected cases.

The CDC says an existing smallpox vaccination may provide protection against Monkeypox.

The agency upgraded the threat to a 'Level 2' advisory, calling for enhanced precautions.

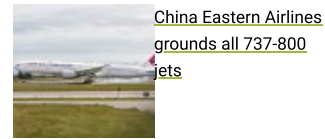
The first human case of Monkeypox was recorded in 1970.

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