	VFES Student/Family Monkeypox Decision Tree **Effective September 28, 2022** Case Managers: casemanagers@vfes.net
Student develops a new rash ***If positive for monkeypox, the case managers will not be able to provide your student with quarantine guidelines; this will come from the Health Department*	**If student develops a new or concerning rash**: 1. Keep Student Home or Vanguard School will contact parent/guardian and inform them their student needs to be picked up as soon as possible. 2. Consult with your healthcare provider, who can assess whether your student should get tested for monkeypox. • Remember that many other illnesses besides monkeypox can cause rashes in children and adults, including hand-foot-and-mouth disease, chickenpox, and herpes. 3. Contact the CM's at casemanagers@vfes.net 4. If the rash **is not** diagnosed as monkeypox, follow healthcare providers instructions for when your student can return to school and notify case manager of your student's return date. 5. If the rash **is diagnosed as monkeypox**, your student must remain out of school for 2-4 weeks per your healthcare provider's guidelines. 5a. See below "Student tests positive for Monkeypox"

Student has been in contact with a person who has monkeypox
 	
You will not be notified by case managers of a close contact, this will come from the Health Department
	1. Once an individual is confirmed positive with monkeypox the Health Department/County Office will contact the individual to investigate, including contact tracing.
	2. Close contacts will be contacted by the Health Department/County Office and given post-exposure recommendations.
	3. Contact the CMs at casemanagers@vfes.net to inform them that your student has been confirmed as a close contact.
	 • Parents must **monitor their student for symptoms related to monkeypox for 21 days** after their last exposure.
	  o If symptoms develop, keep your student home
	  o Seek immediate care from a doctor
	  o Report symptoms to the Health Department or County Office.
	 • Students exposed to monkeypox virus can continue their routine daily activities (go to school) as long as they do not have signs or symptoms consistent with monkeypox.

Student tests Positive for Monkeypox	1. Stay home. 2. Local Health Department/County Office will contact you for information and contact tracing.

**Health Department will reach out to you about isolation guidelines. Case Managers cannot provide you with guidance*	• Prepare a list of close contacts (Names & Phone #'s) for the Health Department/County Office. Reach out to CMs if you need assistance obtaining names and phone numbers. 3. Follow Health care provider and Health Department/County Office recommendations for isolation, precautions and treatment. 4. Contact the CMs at casemanagers@vfes.net to inform them your student has tested positive. 5. CMs will check in with the parents of positive student throughout the 2-4 week period. 6. **All students are required to submit a copy of a doctor's note prior to return to CMs and CMs will clear your return to school date.** **Some reminders if your student tests positive:** • Cover the rash to limit spread to others and to the environment. • Help your student to not scratch or pick at lesions as this does not speed up recovery and can spread the virus. • Help your student to avoid touching the rash; if they do, have them wash their hands thoroughly and avoid touching their own face. • If unable to isolate your student from other family members, have your student avoid physical contact, be sure to clean/disinfect any shared areas (furniture, counters, toilet seats), and do not allow your student to share items (linens, dishes, etc) o **See Preventing Spread to Others after Testing Positive Guide**