

## PFT COVID Update 7-27-22: Covid Origin - Harvard Health - Monkeypox Primer - Links

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# CORONAVIRUS



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## Updates

Dear Dan

### **Coronavirus Origins Likely Animal in Nature Rather than Man-Made in Lab.**

Recently, the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* shared an AP story that begins to capably answer the question “*where did the Coronavirus come from?*”

“Two new studies provide more evidence that the coronavirus pandemic originated in a Wuhan, China market where live animals were sold — further bolstering the theory that the virus emerged in the wild rather than escaping from a Chinese lab.”

[— TRIB/AP](#)

While Coronavirus origin disagreement remains, it is vitally important that scientists continue to work to “get this one right” so that subsequent decisions within the seats of power can be scientifically (and not politically) informed.

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### **Covid Considerations and Comparisons from Harvard Health.**

With two and a half years of the pandemic behind us (*and yes, with more of it still ahead*), it’s interesting to look at the totality of the Coronavirus from different perspectives and explore how our approach to and understanding of treatment and mitigation has evolved.

**The T.H. Chan School of Public Health at Harvard** has one of the most fascinating article and discussion timelines we’ve encountered in our two-plus years of reporting out on Covid-19. The compendium is kept up to date and provides a fascinating look back (*and forward*) at new developments and interesting perspectives on one of the greatest global healthcare challenges of this century.

[Click here to visit the “Latest on the Coronavirus” page at Harvard Health.](#)

## A Brief Primer on Monkeypox.

It's been almost impossible to not make comparative leaps between how the Covid-19 first began to take hold and the slow emergence of Monkeypox as a potential viral threat to the world.

However, there is little comparison to be made at this juncture – primarily because the scientific community was (*is*) already familiar with Monkeypox as a virus. And though the spread globally is cause for concern (*16,000 cases and climbing*), we are at an early stage of what is being described as a “*public health emergency of worldwide concern*” by the World Health Organization.

We've found an article that answers virtually all of your questions if you have them. "To be forewarned is to be forearmed", we say.

Click here to read [Monkeypox explained: How to protect yourself and what to watch out for](#) from *NPR: Health*.

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## Information Links That Bear Repeating:

Below please find additional links providing helpful information you can bookmark and count on as the COVID-19 situation changes and evolves.

[AFT/AFTPA Coronavirus Resources & Updates for Members](#)

[Find a Vaccine Provider Near You](#)

[AFT/PFT Employee Assistance Program \(EAP\)](#)

-- A Negotiated, Free Benefit to Members

[Click for EAP Information Flyer](#) (*includes login info*)

[Click for Life Skills Solutions Website](#) (*login upper right*)

[AFT Share My Lesson Stress Management Resources](#) (*searchable*)

[Download the PA COVID-Alert Tracking App](#)

[National Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\) Coronavirus Resources](#)

[CDC Data Tracking Page](#)

[CDC Vaccine Information Landing Page](#)

[PPS Coronavirus Resources and Links](#)

[PA Department of Health Coronavirus Resources](#)

[PA-Specific Resources from Senator Casey](#)

[Student Debt Relief Resources](#)

[Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\) Rumor Control](#)

[Coronavirus Testing Locations \(view interactive map mid page\)](#)



### Coronavirus Self-Checker

A guide to help you make decisions and seek appropriate medical care

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**Please keep in touch—keep sharing your ideas, your questions and your concerns.**

**In solidarity—**

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