**SAMPLE SCRIPT FOR NOTIFICATIONS OF EXPOSURE TO MONKEYPOX**

Hi, my name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I’m calling from the TN Dept of Health. May I speak with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

Do you have a couple minutes to talk?

I’m part of a team at the TN Dept of Health that is responding to monkeypox – your name and phone number was shared with us as someone who was potentially exposed to person with Monkeypox.

Since there is a potential risk of you also developing monkeypox from this exposure, we want to make sure you have as much info as possible, that you monitor yourself for symptoms, and that you have a chance to ask any questions that you might have.

Transmission between people usually occurs with very close or prolonged contact with someone who is sick with monkeypox. transmission can also occur through contact with respiratory droplets.

Let’s pause here and see what questions you have.

Okay, let’s talk about what symptoms you need to be on the lookout for in yourself. Monkeypox illness may begin a lot like the flu, starting with fever, headaches, muscle aches, back aches, swollen lymph nodes, chills, and exhaustion. Within 3 days of those initial symptoms, people sick with monkeypox also develop a rash or lesions on their skin.

Are you experiencing any of those symptoms today?

*If yes,* I’m so sorry to hear that! Let me get some more info and figure out next steps for you. Tell me a little more about how you’re feeling. [probe on symptoms and onset date].

*If symptoms consistent with monkeypox*, ok, I think it would be best for you to be seen by a healthcare provider for them to assess you. Do you have a regular primary care provider? [*get some more info here, we may need to refer them to a health department clinic if they don’t have another option]*

*If not consistent w monkeypox,* ok, based on that information, we don’t need to do anything immediately, but I would like you to continue to monitor your own health in case your symptoms change, *Move on to next section.*

*If no (or symptoms experienced are not consistent w monkeypox:* Because you were last exposed on **mm/dd/yyyy**, we need to you to monitor yourself for those symptoms through **mm/dd/yyyy + 21 days.** We’d like to check in with you every 1-3 days or so to see how you’re feeling and make sure you don’t have any questions… We would like to do that via a survey which will be texted to you. Is that ok?

*If text/email*: Ok, you will receive a text/email from the Dept of Health with a short check list of yes/no questions about what symptoms you’re experiencing. If you don’t answer within a day or so, we’ll try to reach you again and then call you.

If you respond “yes” to any of the symptom questions, we’ll give you a call and ask some additional questions to help determine if you need to be tested and figure out next steps. If you develop any of those symptoms, you don’t have to wait for us to check on you… please call **[INSERT LOCAL ON-CALL NUMBER HERE]** or 615-741-7247 and ask to speak to the clinician on-call and explain that you’re being monitored for monkeypox and that you have some questions.

*If phone:* Okay, we’ll give you a call in a few days to check in and see how you’re doing. If you develop any of those symptoms, you don’t have to wait for us to check on you… please call **[INSERT LOCAL ON-CALL NUMBER HERE]** or 615-741-7247 and ask to speak to the clinician on-call and explain that you’re being monitored for monkeypox and that you have some questions.

**If you have to leave a message:**

Hi, my name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I’m calling from TDH with some information for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. If you are able to return my call before 430pm, please call me back at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (your number). If not, I will try to reach you again tomorrow.