PennDOT Offers Drivers Facing Suspension Second Chance

By Sean Brown

HARRISBURG - Harrisburg, PA – The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) announced today that select drivers facing a suspension due to accumulation of points on their driving



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records or for a conviction of excessive speeding now have a chance at redemption through successfully completing the newly-instituted Driver Improvement School (DIS) offered by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

"This new training program offers people whose driving privileges are in jeopardy a chance to avoid losing their license," said PennDOT Secretary Yassmin Gramian. "For many, losing the ability to legally operate a motor vehicle means not just a loss of mobility, but a loss of income and independence as well."

As drivers are convicted of certain moving violations, points are assigned to their driving record. Once a driver's record has been reduced below six points and for the second time, shows as many as six points or has a conviction for excessive speeding, that driver is required to attend a departmental hearing. At the departmental hearing, a driver meets with a Driver Safety Examiner (DSE) to review their driving record and discuss the driving habits that resulted in the hearing. At the conclusion of the hearing, a determination will be made whether serving a 15-day suspension or attending PennDOT's DIS would be most beneficial for the driver to assist in making better decisions while behind the wheel.

An individual who attends and successfully completes the DIS due to their record showing for the second time as many as six points, will have two points removed from their record and avoid a 15-day suspension. An individual who attends and successfully completes the DIS due to a conviction on excessive speeding will avoid having to serve a 15-day suspension. If an individual does not successfully complete the course or fails to attend, they will be required to serve a 60-day driver's license suspension.

The DIS curriculum focuses on safety and addresses poor driver behaviors and judgment exhibited in "high risk" drivers. This six-hour course focuses on educating and assisting problematic drivers to identify why they engage in risky driving behavior and how to utilize strategies for behavior modification to assist in improving their driving habits to prevent future violations and crashes.

For more information, visit the Driver Improvement School page on the Driver and Vehicle Services website.

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St. Luke's University Health Network

By Sam Kennedy

BETHLEHEM - St. Luke's Infectious Disease Experts Call on Dentists to be Alert for Monkeypox

Monkeypox is an increasing worldwide problem recently declared a public health emergency in the United States. Among classical symptoms that include fever, muscle aches, lymph node swelling and rash are oral lesions present in up to 70% of cases.

"This disease is not as easily transmitted as COVID 19," said Dr. Jeffrey Jahre, St. Luke's University Health Network's Senior Vice President of Medical and Academic Affairs and Section Chief Emeritus of Infectious Diseases. "Early recognition by all healthcare providers including dentists can potentially bring the spread of this disease to a halt."

Dr. Jahre said St. Luke's is calling on the dental community to be alert for monkeypox because Network doctors have begun seeing oral monkeypox symptoms.

Last week the American Dental Association issued to its members an advisory relaying the CDC's basic monkeypox guidance. Importantly the ADA stressed that the standard infection control precautions used by dentists for decades, including the enhanced protocols that have been implemented during the CO-VID-19 pandemic, continue to keep both patients and staff safe during the monkeypox emergency.

Monkeypox is transmitted most commonly through direct contact with body fluids or lesions of the body of someone who has the disease. Less commonly it can also spread through materials that have touched these skin lesions or sores. Close contact with respiratory droplet secretions may be another uncommon mode of spread though the exact frequency is unknown.

"It is very important at this time that oral care programs, such those that train dental hygienists and other dental professionals, are aware of and alert to oral monkeypox symptomology and understand how to handle cases," said Dr. Wayne Saunders, DMD, Chief of St. Luke's Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery.

Although the ADA stated that extra diligence during the dental exam for symptoms, facial rash and intraoral lesions for early patient identification is imperative, the association did not attempt to describe these lesions and their diversity.

The facial lesions can vary in number and location including lips and can be papules, pustules, clear vesicles, or open sores with or without scab formation. The intraoral lesions are equally diverse and could be present anywhere in the mouth including gums, tongue, cheeks, palate and throat. These lesions can resemble other well-known conditions such as cold sores (herpes simplex), canker sores, lesions of hand-foot-mouth disease, or trauma.

A search of a Google images of monkeypox facial and oral lesions can provide a useful guide.

The importance of taking into consideration patients' medical history to try and ascertain the etiology cannot be over emphasized. Currently more than 95% of the monkeypox cases involve men who have sexual relations with men who have multiple sexual partners. However, the disease is expanding beyond this group, so symptoms in others cannot be ignored.

When suspicious lesions are present, the patient can be referred to primary care providers or urgent care centers for conclusive testing, which is now widely available, advised Dr. Saunders. This is the first step to treatment for these often-painful lesions, as well as to potentially protecting the patient's contacts through the expanding supply of protective vaccinations.