

Top 3 Ways to Trade Monkeypox

These viruses are a royal pain in the backend...

Now, aside from the coronavirus, monkeypox is apparently making the rounds.

“Doctors warned that numbers will rise significantly as the virus spreads through Europe and as far as the US, Canada and Australia. Spain now has the highest number of infections, outside places in Africa where the virus is endemic, with more than 50 known cases.”

Officials are even investigating a presumptive case in South Florida. Another case popped up in Massachusetts, and another in New York City. Worse, President Biden just said, “Everybody should be concerned. We’re working on it, hard to figure out what we do.” Even the World Health Organization just warned that Europe could see a wave of infections this summer.

The good news – According to the CDC, smallpox vaccines can protect people from the virus. “Past data from Africa suggests that the smallpox vaccine is at least 85% effective in preventing monkeypox,” says the agency.

So, how can we potentially profit from it?

Vaccine Stock No. 1 – Emergent Biosolutions (EBS)

Emergent Biosolutions produces the ACAM2000 vaccine, which the US FDA describes as an active immunization against smallpox for those at higher risk. “According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, since the monkeypox virus is closely related to the virus that causes smallpox, ACAM2000 can be used to prevent the spread of monkeypox,” says Barron’s.

Demand for the vaccine could send the EBS stock to higher highs. Before this new virus news hit, the company said Q1 2022, revenues from ACAM2000 (Smallpox (Vaccinia) Vaccine, Live) increased \$14.4 million as compared to Q1 2021. The increase is driven by international sales.

Vaccine Stock No. 2 – SIGA Technologies (SIGA)

SIGA Technologies has been on the move on the virus news. The company is in talks with, “European authorities seeking to stockpile its antiviral drug for monkeypox amid an unusual international outbreak of a virus that can be deadly in up to one in 10 cases. SIGA Technologies, a health security firm whose research was funded by the US government to address the threat posed by biological weapons, has developed an antiviral known as tecovirimat to fight smallpox and related viruses, including monkeypox,” as noted by Euronews.com.

Vaccine Stock No. 3 – Bavarian Nordic (BAVA)

Bavarian Nordic makes the only monkeypox vaccine that’s approved by the U.S.

According to FiercePharma.com:

Bavarian Nordic has secured a contract with an unnamed European country to supply its smallpox vaccine, called Imvanex in Europe, in response to the emergence of monkeypox cases. The vaccine is approved under the brand name Jynneos in the U.S. with a label that also specifically covers monkeypox. Because monkeypox virus is closely related to the variola virus that causes smallpox, smallpox vaccines can also protect against monkeypox.”