

# WHAT GAY & BISEXUAL MEN NEED TO KNOW ABOUT **MPOX**

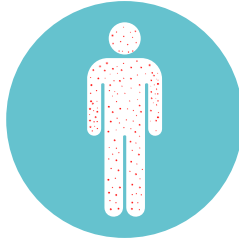
So far, cases of Mpx have been detected among gay and bisexual men but **not exclusively**

## WHAT IS MPOX?

Mpx is a viral infection transmitted through close personal contact, including kissing, sex and other skin-to-skin contact.

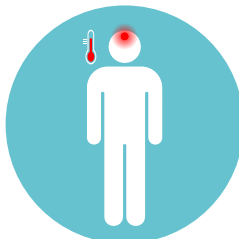
## WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

KEY SYMPTOM



**RASHES, BUMPS OR BLISTERS**  
These may appear anywhere on the body, including the genitals. This may look similar to syphilis, herpes or other common skin rashes.

OTHER SYMPTOMS



**FEVER & HEADACHE**



**MUSCLE ACHES**



**SWOLLEN LYMPH NODES**

Symptom onset ranges from 5-21 days

## WHAT YOU CAN DO



### STAY INFORMED

Remain calm. This is a rapidly changing situation. Visit CDC or DHSS websites for up-to-date guidelines.



### CONTACT

If you have symptoms, call (do not visit) your health care provider, and ask about testing.



### TAKE A BREAK

If you have symptoms, stay at home, wear a mask when in public and cover sores to protect others.



## ANYONE CAN GET MPOX

Blaming any one community may harm public health efforts and cause providers to miss mpx in other people.

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