# **ANYONE CAN** GET MPOX

FROM HAVING CLOSE OR INTIMATE CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS MPOX OR MATERIALS CONTAMINATED WITH THE MPOX VIRUS

# How is mpox spread?

Mpox can spread when a person has close contact with a person infected with mpox virus or when a person comes in contact with materials (e.g., bedding, towels) that are contaminated with the virus.

# The mpox virus can spread by:

- Touching mpox lesions on a person's skin.

- Touching contaminated objects, fabrics (clothing, bedding, towels) and surfaces that have been in contact with someone with mpox.

- Coming into contact with respiratory droplets or secretions from the eyes, nose and mouth from a person with mpox.

# To prevent the spread of the mpox virus, you should avoid:



#### **CLOSE CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WITH MPOX**

Including hugging, massaging, kissing or talking closely.

### SEX WITH SOMEONE WITH MPOX

Including oral, anal and vaginal sex, or touching the genitals or anus region.

SHARING OBJECTS WITH SOMEONE WITH MPOX Including touching shared fabrics, shared surfaces and clothing.

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