

WHAT GAY & BISEXUAL MEN NEED TO KNOW ABOUT

MONKEY POX



Cases have been detected among gay and bisexual men but are **not exclusive** to any one community.

WHAT IS MONKEYPOX?

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

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

KEY SYMPTOM



RASH, 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 &
HEADACHES**



**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 CDPH websites for up-to-date guidance.



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, and cover sores to protect others.



ANYONE CAN GET MONKEYPOX

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

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