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# **MPOX** WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Mpox is a disease caused by a virus. It spreads through close or intimate contact with an infected person, direct contact with an infected animal or exposure to contaminated objects. Individuals with mpox typically develop a rash resembling pimples or blisters, which can appear anywhere. Flu-like symptoms may occur before the rash appears.

## SYMPTOMS:

#### RASH, BUMPS, OR BLISTERS

- These may appear anywhere on the body, including the genitals
- This may look similar to herpes or other common skin rashes

#### **OTHER SYMPTOMS**

- Respiratory symptoms (sore throat, cough, nasal congestion, etc.)
- Fever
- Headache
- Muscle ache
- Swollen lymph nodes
- Chills
- Exhaustion

#### Symptoms start 5-21 days after exposure.



IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS, ISOLATE FROM OTHERS AND CONTACT A HEALTHCARE PROVIDER RIGHT AWAY.

### **Protect Yourself and the Ones You Love!**

- Avoid physical and intimate contact with anyone who has symptoms
- Talk openly with partners about symptoms before intimate contact
- Clean hands, objects surfaces and bedding if you encounter someone with symptoms

### If you think you may be eligible to receive a mpox vaccine, please reach out to your health care provider or local health department.

For more information visit: https://www.cdc.gov/mpox/vaccines/index.html



