Mpox

THE FACTS

Mpox is a rash illness caused by the mpox virus.

Mpox can be spread to anyone through close contact, including:



Touching the rash, sores, or scabs on a person who is infected.



Inhaling oral or respiratory droplets from a person who is infected.



Touching items that touched a rash or body fluids from a person who is infected.

Who's at risk for mpox?

Anyone can get mpox, although many of the individuals recently diagnosed with mpox self-identify as being men who have sex with other men. Mpox can be spread from a person with lesions/rashes from the time symptoms start until all sores have healed and a fresh layer of skin has formed – this can take several weeks.

What are the symptoms?

The disease typically begins with flu-like symptoms (fever, chills, headache, muscle aches, swollen lymph nodes and exhaustion) followed later by a rash.

The mpox rash often begins on the face, then spreads to other parts of the body which can include the palms of the hand and soles of the feet.

The rash may also occur in only certain areas of the body, such around the anus or genital area.



How do I get tested?

Testing is available through commercial laboratories and can be ordered by a health care provider. Anyone with a new rash that looks like mpox should talk to their health care provider, even if they don't think they had close contact with someone with mpox.



If you have come into contact with someone who has a new or unexplained rash, notify your health care provider or the Health District.





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VACCINE

Current eligibility to receive the two-dose mpox vaccine includes:

- Those who had close physical contact within the past 14 days with someone known or suspected of having mpox. This includes:
 - Those who know or suspect their sexual partner(s) of having mpox.
 - Those who live in the same household as someone they know or suspect of having mpox.

Those who have been informed by the Health

- District they are a close contact of someone with mpox.
 - Gay, bisexual, or other men who have sex with men,
- and transgender, gender non-conforming, or gender non-binary individuals who:

Have had multiple or anonymous sex partners in

- the last 12 months.
 - Have HIV or a history of a sexually transmitted
- infection in the last 12 months.

- Those who are any gender identity or sexual orientation who:
 - Are sex workers.
 - Had sex at a commercial sex venue or in association with a large public event.
- Those who are any gender identity or sexual orientation who:
 - Are a sex partner of anyone in the currently eligible groups.
 - Anticipates experiencing any of the identified risks.

Those who have received their first dose of the vaccine are eligible for the second dose, even if they do not meet any of the current criteria.

Individuals who had mpox are not eligible for the vaccine. Vaccine clients will be assessed prior to receiving the vaccine to ensure they meet the eligibility requirements.

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Where can I get vaccinated?

Southern Nevada Health District 280 S. Decatur Blvd.

Las Vegas, NV 89107

Fremont Public Health Center

2830 E. Fremont St. Las Vegas, NV 89104 **CSN North Las Vegas**

3200 E. Cheyenne Ave. North Las Vegas, NV 89030

CSN West Charleston

6375 W. Charleston Blvd. Las Vegas, NV 89146

Days and hours of operation vary. See www.snhd.info/mpox for details.





