

Mpox



What is Mpox?

Mpox (monkeypox) is an infectious disease caused by the monkeypox virus. It spreads from person to person through close contact and contaminated objects/materials.



Symptoms

Symptoms of mpox may include flu-like symptoms, rashes, blisters, or pimples on the body, including genitals and mouth.



Diagnosis

Mpox can be diagnosed by testing a sample of skin lesions.

Treatment

There is no specific treatment for mpox virus, but medication can manage symptoms such as pain and fever. Most mpox infections are mild, and the infected person recovers within a few weeks, however, some cases can be severe.



Prevention

To prevent mpox, avoid close contact with infected individuals and objects/materials they may have used.

Get vaccinated! in Queensland, people at high risk can access free vaccine for mpox including people without a Medicare card:

- Close contacts of someone with mpox in the past 14 days.
- Anyone with a weakened immune system.
- All sexually active gay, bisexual and other men who have sex

with men and their sexual partners including male or female partners.

- Sex workers.

For maximum protection, people should get 2 doses of the vaccine at least 28 days apart.

Find your nearest mpox vaccination clinic at <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/clinical-practice/guidelines-procedures/diseases-infection/immunisation/monkeypox-vaccination-centres>

You may need to pay a consultation fee, except at most public health clinics.



Further information

For more information about mpox, visit conditions.health.qld.gov.au/HealthCondition/condition/14/217/850/mpox-monkeypox

Stay informed and protect yourself and your loved ones from mpox.

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