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This is an important message to all participants/visitors of **[insert event/venue]** regarding mpox.

Mpox (formerly known as monkeypox) cases in the United States have decreased dramatically since its peak in the summer of 2022. This progress was made possible through the close collaboration between the LGBTQ+ community and public health organizations. Data show that gay and bisexual men, as well as transgender and gender diverse people, changed behaviors to reduce the risk of getting mpox. Additionally, the mpox vaccine increased immunity to mpox and protected people who didn't have the virus. **Even though cases are down, the potential for mpox exposure and future outbreaks remain a concern. Let's continue to protect our communities and ensure that those attending our event(s) have a safe and enjoyable time.**

As an attendee, we want you to have fun while you are at **[insert event/venue]**. With recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), we are asking attendees to follow these tips:

- **Get vaccinated!**
  - Getting fully vaccinated for mpox means helping to prevent mpox in the future. That means more travel, more fun, more sex, and more parties with less worry! You are considered fully vaccinated for mpox two weeks after receiving the second dose.
  - Not vaccinated yet? Need your second dose? Visit the [mpox vaccine locator](#) or contact your local health department to find where vaccinations are available in your community.
  - To be fully vaccinated and have the best protection against mpox, people need to get both doses of the vaccine. The second dose should be given 4 weeks after the first dose.
  - Your protection will be highest two weeks after your second dose of vaccine.
- Stay home and contact your healthcare provider if you:
  - feel sick
  - have a fever, chills, or swollen lymph nodes,
  - have a new or unexplained rash, which may look like pimples, blisters, or scabs
- Wash your hands often with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer while at the event, especially before eating and after you use the bathroom.
- Don't forget about getting tested for HIV and other sexually transmitted infections to round out a good strategy for sexual health! Go to [gettested.cdc.gov](https://gettested.cdc.gov) to find testing locations near you.

As a reminder, [mpox can spread to anyone through close, personal, often skin-to-skin contact](#) with someone with mpox through:

- Direct contact with the mpox rash and scabs anywhere on the person's body including areas around the anus (butthole), rectum, or genitals (penis, testicles, labia, and vagina), and
- contact with saliva or upper respiratory secretions (snot, mucus).

This can happen during intimate contact with a person with mpox, including:

- Oral, anal, or vaginal sex, or touching the genitals or anus
- Hugging, massage, and kissing
- Prolonged face-to-face contact

Touching objects, fabrics, and surfaces that have been used by someone with mpox and not disinfected is considered low risk. This includes clothing, bedding, towels, fetish gear, or sex toys.

The overall risk to most people remains low, but knowledge empowers us all and keeps us healthy! For more information about the current mpox outbreak, visit [the CDC mpox web site](#).

As always, we care about the health and safety of all our attendees and encourage you to hydrate, rest and understand where your limits are. [\[organizer weblink on any party/event health reminders\]](#)

In good health,

[\[Festival/event/venue organizer or company\]](#)