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

Mpox is still around and we want to ensure those attending our event(s) have a safe and enjoyable time. As of October 2025, clade I mpox is now spreading within California and there's been a recent increase in mpox infections. We want to take this opportunity to remind attendees about the ongoing risk of mpox and how you can protect yourself.

Mpox (formerly known as monkeypox) <u>primarily spreads</u> through direct contact to someone with mpox infection. This often occurs during sexual activity or other close, physical contact. Mpox symptoms may not be obvious or visible at the time of exposure.

We are asking attendees to follow these tips:

Make sure you have gotten both doses of the mpox vaccine.

- o Mpox vaccine is <u>available at many chain pharmacies</u>.
- o More than 28 days since your first dose? Get your second dose ASAP.
- o Currently, boosters (third doses) are <u>not</u> recommended.
- o Vaccination is also not recommended if you had mpox infection before.

Be mindful of mpox symptoms (before and after play). And if you feel sick - please stay home.

- o FYI: It can take up to 3 weeks for mpox symptoms to show up after exposure.
- Get tested if you notice a new or unexplained rash or sore. It may be located anywhere on the body—including the genitals, mouth or rectum. It can feel painful or itchy.
- o Some people may have a sore throat, fever or swollen lymph nodes before the rash.

Other ways you can protect yourself and your partner(s):

- Avoid sharing sex toys, fetish gear, towels or clothing with others.
- Wash hands often with soap and water or use hand sanitizer (at least 60% alcohol) before and after sex.
- Consider making a habit of exchanging contact info with any new sex partner and/or limiting number of partners.
- o Consider using condoms and gloves, which may reduce exposure risk.

For more information, visit go.cdph.ca.gov/mpox.