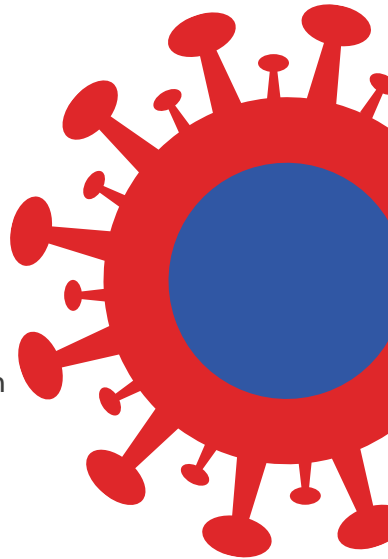


Monkeypox

What you need to know as a sex worker

- ✓ **Monkeypox is a virus** that you can get by touching others. For example during cuddling or sex.
- ✓ **Mostly men** who have sex with men get this virus at the moment.
- ✓ Monkeypox can cause symptoms. You might get a **fever, headaches, muscle aches, fatigue, swollen lymph glands** and a rash.
- ✓ **Do you have symptoms associated with monkeypox?** Get tested for free at the GGD.
- ✓ **Do you have monkeypox?** Then do not touch anyone. Not even for work. That way you won't pass on the virus to others.

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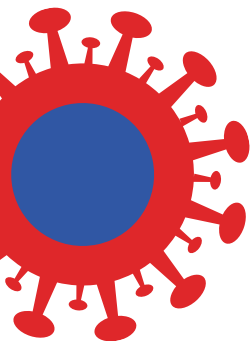
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WHAT IS MONKEYPOX?

Monkeypox is a virus that makes you sick. You can get it through prolonged skin-to-skin contact. Or by having sex.

How do you recognise it?

Symptoms of monkeypox are: fever, headache, muscle aches, fatigue and swollen lymph nodes. After a few days, you may develop a rash (blisters, scabs, wounds) and sometimes an inflammation of the rectum.



Testing

Do you have symptoms that look like monkeypox? Get tested at the GGD. It is free of charge. Stay at home and do not touch anyone until you have the results. That way you prevent other people from catching monkeypox.



What if you have monkeypox?

Monkeypox is contagious until the scabs fall off the wounds and the skin underneath is dry. This can take up to 3 weeks. Until then, stay at home and do not touch anyone.

Working with monkeypox

You cannot work or have sex privately if you have monkeypox. If you do, your client or partner may also become ill. You can work online though. Via a webcam, for example. You can read how to do this on sexwerk.info.



Vaccination

There is a vaccine against monkeypox. There is not enough of it at the moment to vaccinate everyone who wants it. The GGD invites people from risk groups to get a shot.

At the moment, mainly men who have sex with men get monkeypox. Are you a male sex worker who has sex with men? Then vaccination is extra important. Call your local GGD for more information.

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