

Malta Pride Events (Mpox focus)

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Who We Are?



Sexual Health Malta is a National Sexual Health service within the HPDP

We provide:

- Educational talks on various topics related to sexual health
- Campaigns (outreaching, social media etc)
- NGOs and Stakeholders Collaboration
- Train the trainers
- Educational material and resources
- Policy making
- One-to-one sexual health advise



2019



2022



2023



2024



Pride along the years

Objectives

Mission

Raise awareness about STIs including Mpox symptoms, transmission, and prevention.

Promote vaccination and testing services.

Reduce stigma and misinformation.

Support community engagement and health equity.

Achievements



Sexual Health Promotion Highlights:

- Distributed 2,500+ condom packs, 500 lubricants & educational materials
- Shared info on STI prevention, HPV, PrEP/PEP, Chemsex & safer sex
- Promoted STI testing via radio, bus ads & social media
- Partnered with MMSA for games & trivia to engage the public
- Recorded event videos & participant interviews
- Joined community march distributing condoms & raising awareness

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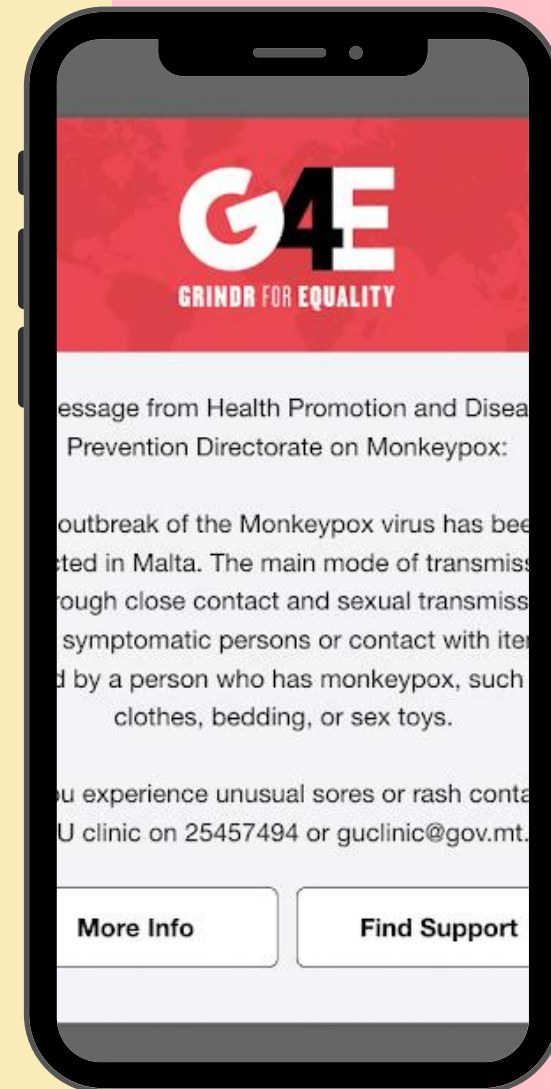
From the Health Promotion & Disease Prevention Directorate on Mpox:

🔔 Attention, Grindr Fam! Prioritize your health! 🔔

With a new Mpox case in Malta, please watch for symptoms and consider practicing safer sex.

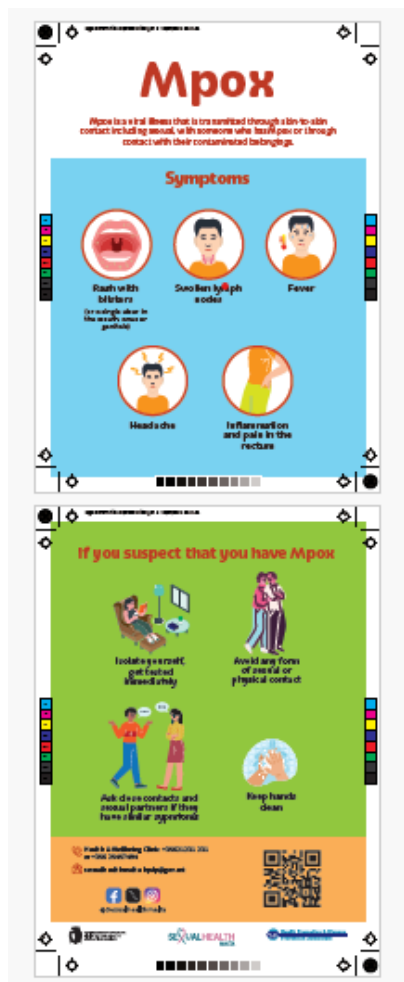
Mpox spreads through close contact, including sexual transmission or sharing items like clothes, bedding, or sex toys. If you notice unusual sores or a rash, contact the Health and Wellbeing Clinic at 21 231 231 or 2545 7494.

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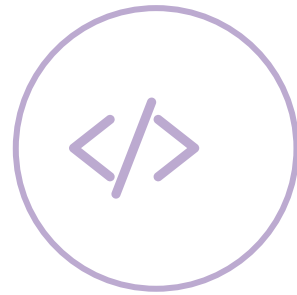
Mpox awareness through important collaborations
such as Grindr



MPOX Awareness



Posters



Flyers



Social Media


GIFs, Videos, and social media post in collaboration with Pride organisers and other NGOs.

Awareness material and resources



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STIs A to Z

Chlamydia

Gonorrhea

Syphilis

HPV

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HIV / AIDS

Mpx

Other Infectious Diseases

Mpx

What is Mpx?

Mpx is an infection from animals caused by a virus closely related to the smallpox virus. Infection is usually transmitted to humans through scratches or bites from infected animals, such as rodents or monkeys. It can also spread between people.

Where is Mpx usually found?

Mpx is commonly found in central and west Africa where there are tropical rainforests and where animals that may carry the virus typically live. However, over the past few weeks an increasing number of cases of mpx have been identified within several European countries, as well as in the US, Canada and Australia.

The risk of becoming infected with Mpx is not limited to people who are sexually active or men who have sex with men. Anyone who has close physical contact with someone who is infectious is at risk. Anyone who has symptoms that could be Mpx should seek advice from their doctor immediately.

Public health authorities recommend observing safe sexual practices – avoid multiple sexual partners, avoid engaging in sexual activities with unknown partners and always use protection (e.g., condoms).

What tests are done to confirm Mpx infection?

A sample is taken from the rash lesions and sent to the laboratory for testing. This test can only be done by specialists in infectious diseases in cases where they strongly suspect Mpx.

Reflection and Next Steps

- Inclusive Sexual Health Outreach at PRIDE Events
- Engage Early: Collaborate with organizers to secure visible, accessible spots for materials.
- Tailor Messaging: Use language and visuals specific.
- Be Approachable: Fun, stigma-free setups increase interaction and acceptance.
- Stay Inclusive: Use gender-neutral language and highlight resources for all identities.

Thank You