Early symptoms of MPV are flu-like and can include:
- Fever
- Headache
- Muscle aches and backache
- Swollen lymph nodes
- Chills
- Exhaustion

Some people experience a rash or sores first, followed by other symptoms; some only experience a rash or sores.

While a majority of cases in the current phase of the 2022 MPV outbreak are in gay and bisexual men, anyone can contract the virus. People who have had close contact with an infected person, regardless of their sexual orientation, are at risk. The infectious period begins when the rash, sores or scabs are present on the body.
What Should You Do if ...

You’ve been in contact with someone who received a diagnosis of MPV or has a similar rash?
- See your health care provider
- Avoid physical contact, including sex or intimate contact, with anyone until you have been checked out

You have a new or unexplained rash or sores?
- See your health care provider and remind them that MPV is spreading in the United States
- Avoid physical contact, including sex or intimate contact, with anyone until you have been checked out

You have been diagnosed with MPV?
- Follow treatment and prevention recommendations of your health care provider
- Avoid physical contact, including sex or intimate contact, with anyone until all sores have healed and a fresh layer of skin has formed