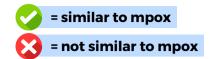
## Monkeypox (mpox) Comparison to COVID-19 & STIs

the rash and blisters can occur on other parts of the body.

Due to many similarities between mpox, COVID-19, and sexually transmitted infections (particularly syphilis), below is a comparison table to display how mpox compares to these other infections:



## Monkeypox (mpox) COVID-19 **Syphilis** Low<sup>1</sup> Low<sup>1</sup> How **Hundreds of millions** of cases As of early September 2022, In 2020, there were 42,000 new cases widespread? since the start of pandemic approximately 56,000 global cases, 21,000 in the U.S of syphilis<sup>2</sup> • Via **skin-to-skin** contact primarily · Primarily through direct contact with monkeypox rash or How it is through direct contact with syphilis sores by very close and/or prolonged skin-to-skin contact Through tiny droplets in the air by commonly rash or sores • Respiratory **droplets** (kissing, coughing, or sneezing) breathing, talking, sneezing, or coughing spread • May spread during pregnancy to May spread during pregnancy to unborn baby unborn baby Fever • Rash with blisters on face, hands, feet, body, mouth, Headaches · Rash on body, hands, and feet anus/butt, or genital area. These may be painful! Muscle aches **Sores** in mouth, anus/butt, or genital Fever • Respiratory symptoms (e.g., sore Swollen lymph nodes Signs & throat, nasal congestion, or cough) Headaches **Symptoms** Muscle and back aches Trouble breathing Though rash and sores are symptoms Low energy Nausea, vomitina, or diarrhea similar to monkeypox, syphilis rash • Respiratory symptoms (e.g., sore throat, nasal · Loss of taste and smell and sores are typically **NOT** painful congestion, or cough) Cold symptoms · Avoid close physical contact with people that have symptoms Avoid intimate contact Check your partner/s for rash or sores • Wear PPE (mask, gloves, eye · Routine discussions with your · Avoid contact with contaminated materials protection) when around partner/s and health care provider • Wear PPE (mask, gloves, eye protection) if you can't avoid someone positive Condoms & barrier methods may close contact with someone who has symptoms · Practice good hand hygiene protect your anus/butt, mouth, Prevention · Practice good hand hygiene • Get vaccinated (if eligible) penis, or vagina from exposure to Get vaccinated (if eligible), mpoxvaxmap.org Meet others outdoors or in well syphilis. However, condoms alone • Condoms & barrier methods may protect your anus/butt, ventilated spaces may not prevent all exposures to mouth, penis, or vagina from exposure to mpox. However, syphilis since the rash and sores can condoms alone may **not prevent all exposures** to mpox since occur on other parts of the body.

¹Though mpox and syphilis are of low concern for the general public, populations of focus are primarily among close sexual networks consistent of gay, bisexual, and other same gender loving men <sup>2</sup>Specifically Primary & Secondary stages of syphilis, which are the most infectious stages

