

**APH IMMUNIZATIONS  
UNIT: MPOX**

## EPIDEMIOLOGY

Our case patients are overwhelmingly male (98.1%), mostly white (63%), and the median age is 33 years old. Exposure is almost always via sexual contact.

Hispanic : 39.9%,

non-Hispanic : 49.4% unknown  
ethnicity :10.7%

Most identify as Gay (MSM)

# LOW RATES ARE GOOD BUT MAKE EDUCATION MORE CHALLENGING

- many people had the sense that it was over and nothing to worry about

- We try to utilize what we know from Epi data to focus education/outreach

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Mpox (Monkeypox) >

Mpox (formerly known as monkeypox) is a viral disease that spreads by close contact. Anyone can get mpox regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation.

## Current situation

There has been an increase in the number of people becoming ill with mpox lately. In the past, mpox cases have tended to increase in the summer, when people are spending more time traveling, attending parties and festivals and socializing more. It's important to stay up-to-date with prevention strategies to keep yourself and those around you healthy.

## What you can do

- Protect yourself and your community against mpox by getting vaccinated.
- Avoid social or sexual contact with strangers or people who may be infected. And avoid social or sexual contact if you think you may be sick.
- Talk to your health care provider if you notice symptoms of mpox like rashes

## [Mpox Care Resources](#)

Find mpox health care information and community resources available to the public.

## [Find a mpox vaccine provider](#)

Austin Public Health is working with several community partners that offer vaccines and health care options.

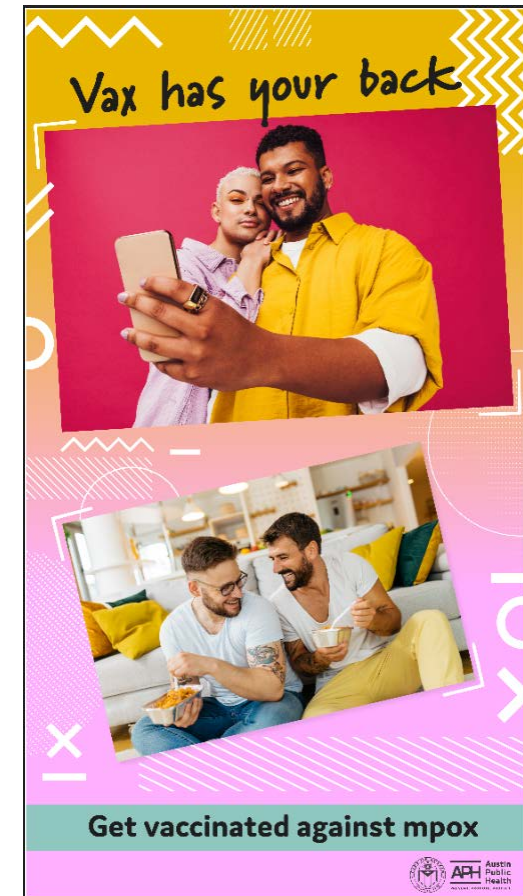
## [Mpox Info for Health Care](#)

# BARRIERS TO VACCINATION

We rolled out our mpox survey to gauge hesitation and views on mpox vaccination.

Anecdotally, we have heard the following :

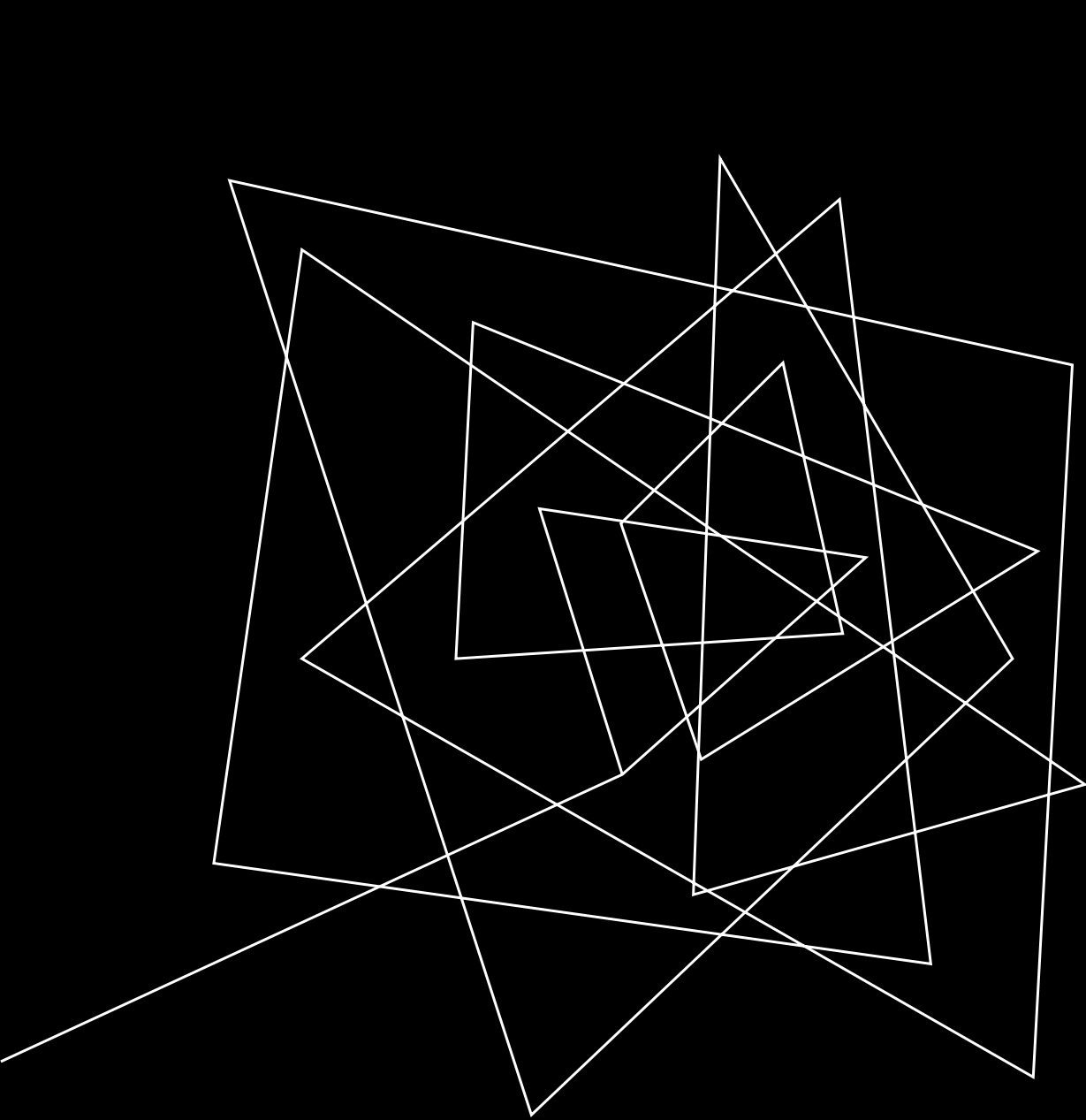
- many people are not educated on what mpox is even though they may be at risk.
- Some are unsure whether they are at risk; PCP's not suggesting it
- hard to get through to appointment lines.
- low rates are making people worry less
- unsure about vaccine effectiveness, despite education



## EDUCATION/OUTREACH



- updated our APH website about mpox
- I quality check the vaccine locator on CDC
- Collaborated more closely with our HIV targeted testing team
- outreach at Package, Sir Rat, Austin Eagle
- table at Ashwell clinic peer support group
- host pop up vaccination clinics at Vivent Health who no longer offer the vaccine.
- mpox education is offered at all of our tabling events around Austin



# MEDICAL PROVIDER EDUCATION

- Hosted 2 TCMS provider Townhalls
- Nurse-centered townhall is upcoming
- Educating urgent care practices around Austin

# LGBTQIA+ FOCUSED ONLINE SPACES

Ongoing public campaign in the following dating sites:





## FILLING GAPS

- Built rapport with Vivent Health to host pop-up vaccination clinics for mpox
- Collaborate with our targeted testing team to focus vaccination and education on unhoused population at Walgreens/Little Walnut Creek Library
- Hosted a pop-up vaccination clinic at RBJ Sexual Health Clinic
- Upcoming: Collaborating with Medical Reserve Corps to host a larger scale vaccination event at Montopolis Rec Center.
- Continue Gift Card Incentives



# FINAL TAKEAWAYS

## We want to maximize our limited resources

- We have been meeting CDC deliverables and creating strong rapport and connection both within APH and externally.
- We would love feedback on any spaces that we should work to be in.
- Would love to be connected by you if possible!

An Example of an Instagram story post





# THANK YOU

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