

GMSH Program and project updates.

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MPOX

The situation

- 11 cases in 2023; averaging about 4 cases/month
- None are travel related; risk factors are MSM and anonymous/multiple sex partners
- All in Toronto except one in KFLA; one indeterminant in London, possibly contamination of the sample
- As of April 30th – 10,699 second doses, including 600 doses in 4 weeks since last report
 - TPH text message push helping
- Proportion of **second doses now at 22%**

GMSH activities

- Continued promotion of vaccination in the community across the province
- Clinician guidance on gmssh.ca
- Meeting with Office of Chief Medical Officer of Health (Dr. Keiran Moore)
- Evaluation presentation and report release in June
- **Current need to push vaccination strongly ahead of Pride season as recommended by [WHO](https://www.who.int)**



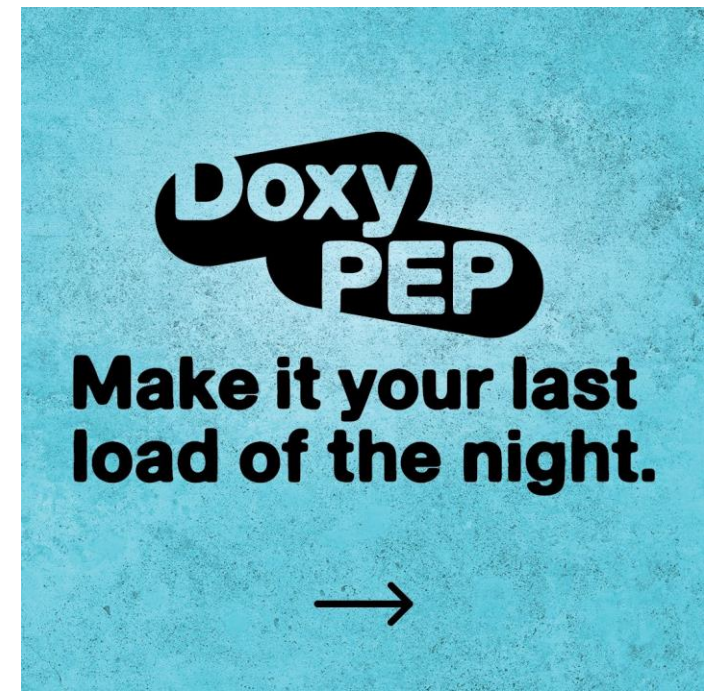
DOXY-PEP

The situation

- Incidence of bacterial STIs are high in our community
- Doxycycline is an inexpensive antibiotic prescribed to treat acne, malaria, and bacterial STIs
- When doxycycline is taken after condomless sex, it is known as 'doxycycline post-exposure prophylaxis' or 'doxy-PEP'
 - The recommended single dose for doxy-PEP is 200mg (given as two 100mg pills) taken as soon as possible after sex
- Appears to be less effective at treating gonorrhea
 - Excellent efficacy for syphilis
- No Canadian guidelines. CDC in the USA currently developing. San Francisco public health department active with recommendations and roll-out.

GMSH activities

- Engagement with Canadian researchers
- Publishing a fact sheet
- Hosting information session(s)
- Development of information resources for community and providers



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Sex Worker Project

The situation

- Collaboration between GMSH, Maggies, and TOMQ to take findings from situational assessment on health of queer male identified sex workers and translate into community resources and content
- Sex work is work.
- Sexual health promotion and service delivery need support in providing care to people in our community doing sex work and clients of sex workers

GMSH activities

- Releasing 15 videos across social media in the lead up to International Sex Workers Day on June 2nd
- June 2nd in person event at HQ – panel discussion, content screening, and engagement around training and development resources
- Future training modules and events



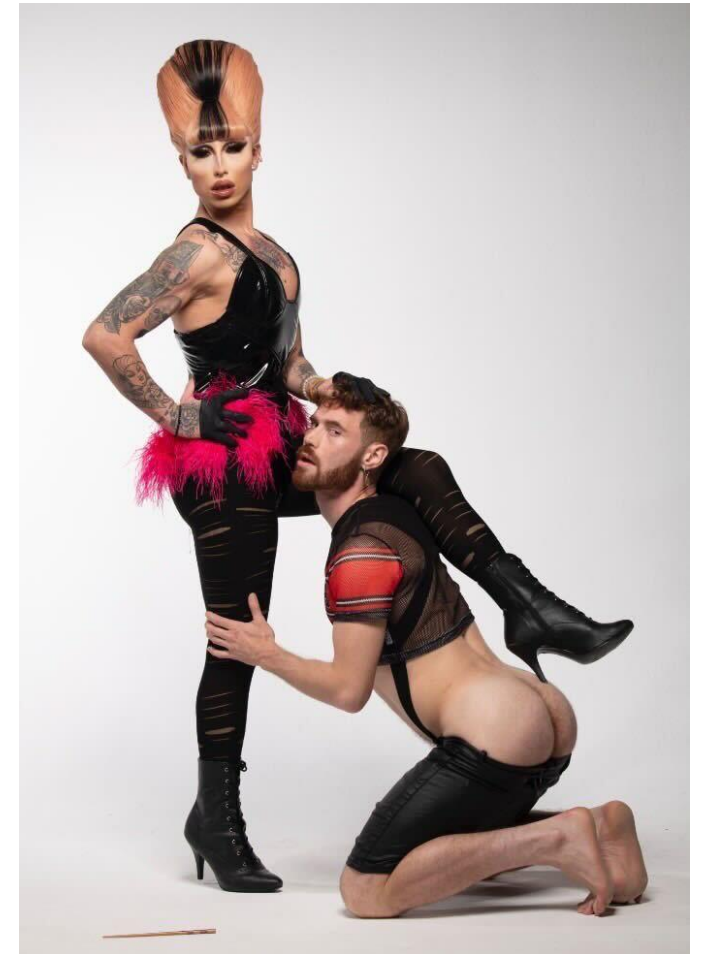
HPV

The situation

- The Gardasil HPV vaccine prevents acquiring strains of HPV that are implicated in greater vulnerabilities for certain Cancers
 - Gay men and gay men living with HIV over represented in new cases of throat, neck, and anal/rectal cancers
- Vaccine is safe and effective but uptake is too low
- School based programs disrupted due to COVID-19 and catching up

GMSH activities

- Secured sponsorship (\$\$) from MERCK
- Developing community relevant content and resources to promote vaccination for a national audience
 - Digital and print including social media assets
 - Paid advertising in Ontario
- Aaron O'Quinn is project coordinator
- July/August release



OTHER THINGS

- Shigella information on gmsh.ca
- Pride swag production
- The Sex You Want – content updated
- Alliance member portal resources
- Regional meetings (virtual and in-person)

EVENTS

- September 2023 Alliance meeting (virtual)
Sept 13 (1:00 – 4:30pm)
Sept 14 (10am – 2:00pm)
- 2023 Holi-gay event (virtual)
Dec 19 (2:30 – 4:00pm)
- January 2024 Alliance meeting (virtual)
Jan 23 (1:00 – 4:30pm)
Jan 24 (10am – 2:00pm)
- PnP Community of Practice (virtual)
second Tuesday of each month



The GMSH Online:

<https://www.gmsh.ca/>

<https://www.thesexyouwant.ca/>

<https://www.partyandplay.info/>

<https://www.getprimed.ca/>

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