

Are you Gay/Bi/Queer? Do you have something to say about Monkeypox (Mpox)?

Join our Community Advisory Board!

Who are we?

We are a multi-disciplinary research team from across Canada who are partnering with RÉZO to assemble a bilingual advisory board to support our Canadian Institutes of Health Research-funded study about the mpox epidemic.

What is the Mpox Research Team looking to accomplish?

Our research team is looking to understand the mpox epidemic, mpox diagnosis, and inform future pandemic preparedness. This will be achieved through interviewing workers from public health, community-based organizations, frontline healthcare staff, and others who were involved in the mpox response. We will also be interviewing gay, bi, queer and other men who have sex with men (GBQM) to understand their experience and perceptions of the mpox response and epidemic.

Why are we recruiting the Community Advisory Board (CAB)?

We want to ensure that our research on mpox is meaningful and appropriate to the diverse GBQM affected by mpox. We are forming a Community Advisory Board which will advise and support the team to incorporate the community's perspectives in our research.

Who are we looking for on the CAB?

We are looking for 8-10 Two-Spirit, gay, bi or queer CAB members to give feedback on data from our study. You may or may not have any prior experience with research, and that is fine! All we ask is that you bring your lived experiences and community voices forward to our discussions. We are prioritizing those with lived experience of mpox for the CAB, but all are welcome.

What is involved?

Members of the CAB, along with co-chairs Mac Stewart (University of Toronto) and Steve Bastien (RÉZO) are expected to attend quarterly virtual meetings to advise on research activities, as well as review occasional documents over email. The advisory board will operate in both French and English. Members are not expected to be bilingual, translation will be available during meetings. A stipend will be offered to CAB members to acknowledge their involvement and work in CAB activities.

Interested in becoming a member of the CAB?

Please email mackenzie.stewart@utoronto.ca to schedule a call with a member of our research team.

To learn more about the CAB...

Email either Mac Stewart mackenzie.stewart@utoronto.ca (English) or Steve Bastien steve@rezosante.org (French)



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