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BEAR NAKED CHICAGO

THE HOLIDAYS ARE COMING. DO YOU PREFER WRAPPED OR UNWRAPPED?

Happy Halloween, Thanksgiving, Hannukah, Christmas, and everything else, studs!

The holidays are fast approaching and we hope that you'll all plan on taking some needed time for yourselves and your loved ones as the year comes to a close. Of course, we also know you all have needs and that's where we come in (pun definitely intended), so we're also hoping to keep seeing you all at our events over the next few months.

As usual, play parties at Touche continue on Wednesdays and Saturdays with additional events on the first Friday and last Saturday of each month at Steamworks. Even if the parties aren't specifically holiday-focused, we trust you all know how to bring the right amount of holiday cheer and appropriate outfits to every occasion. (HINT: You don't need much for the outfits.)

Of course, living in the times we do, there are a few warnings on the horizon to pay attention to. The C.D.C. continues to report a rise in infections Shigella as well as cases of TMVII among men who have sex with men. If you find yourself with a new rash or persistent GI issues, seek medical attention as soon as possible.

As usual, Upcoming events are on pages 2-3. Club information and ways to get involved on pages 4-5. Don't forget to check out our website below and find us on Discord to connect with other members and get updates on group events. Download the Discord app or go to discord.com and use this link to join the BNC group.

UPCOMING BNC EVENTS

OCTOBER

DAY	DATE	DOOR CHECK-IN	EVENT	LOCATION
SUN	OCT 4	3:00-4:00PM	Sunday Afternoon Play	Touché
$15 Members, $20 Guests, includes 2 wine, well liquor or domestic beer drink tickets + pizza				
FRI	OCT 9	6:00-9:00PM	BEAR HUMP	Steamworks
REGULAR ADMISSION – LOOK OUT FOR BNC DISCOUNT COUPON EMAILED SEPERATELY				
SAT	OCT 17	6:00 – 7:00PM	Saturday Night Party	Touché
$15 Members, $20 Guests, includes 2 wine, well liquor or domestic beer drink tickets + pizza				
SAT	OCT 24	1:00-6:00PM	BEARS, THE BATHS, & BEYOND	Steamworks
REGULAR ADMISSION – LOOK OUT FOR BNC DISCOUNT COUPON EMAILED SEPERATELY				
WED	OCT 28	7:30 – 8:30PM	Wednesday Evening Play Party	Steamworks
$15 Members, $20 Guests, includes 2 wine, well liquor or domestic beer drink tickets + pizza				

NOVEMBER

DAY	DATE	DOOR CHECK-IN	EVENT	LOCATION
SUN	NOV 1	3:00-4:00PM	Sunday Afternoon Play	Touché
$15 Members, $20 Guests, includes 2 wine, well liquor or domestic beer drink tickets + pizza				
FRI	NOV 13	6:00-9:00PM	BEAR HUMP	Steamworks
REGULAR ADMISSION – LOOK OUT FOR BNC DISCOUNT COUPON EMAILED SEPERATELY				
SAT	NOV 21	6:00 – 7:00PM	Saturday Night Party	Touché
$15 Members, $20 Guests, includes 2 wine, well liquor or domestic beer drink tickets + pizza				
WED	NOV 25	7:30 – 8:30PM	Wednesday Evening Party	Touché
$15 Members, $20 Guests, includes 2 wine, well liquor or domestic beer drink tickets + pizza				
SAT	Nov 28	1:00 – 6:00PM	BEARS, THE BATHS, & BEYOND	Steamworks
REGULAR ADMISSION – LOOK OUT FOR BNC DISCOUNT COUPON EMAILED SEPERATELY				

DECEMBER

DAY	DATE	DOOR CHECK-IN	EVENT	LOCATION
SUN	DEC 6	3:00-4:00PM	Sunday Afternoon Play	Touché
$15 Members, $20 Guests, includes 2 wine, well liquor or domestic beer drink tickets + pizza				
FRI	DEC 11	6:00-9:00PM	BEAR HUMP	Steamworks
REGULAR ADMISSION – LOOK OUT FOR BNC DISCOUNT COUPON EMAILED SEPERATELY				
SAT	DEC 19	6:00 – 7:00PM	Saturday Night Party	Touché
$15 Members, $20 Guests, includes 2 wine, well liquor or domestic beer drink tickets + pizza				
SAT	DEC 26	1:00-6:00PM	BEARS, THE BATHS, & BEYOND	Steamworks
REGULAR ADMISSION – LOOK OUT FOR BNC DISCOUNT COUPON EMAILED SEPERATELY				
WED	DEC 30	7:30 – 8:30PM	Wednesday Evening Party	Touché
$15 Members, $20 Guests, includes 2 wine, well liquor or domestic beer drink tickets + pizza				

Businesses may hold their own requirements for admission, including requiring proof of vaccination or mask wearing. Always check ahead before arriving to make sure you can get in.

GET SWEATY WITH US AT STEAMWORKS

Steamworks is a private membership gym/sauna/bathhouse exclusively for men 18 years and older. Located at 3246 N. Halsted Street in Boystown, between Belmont and Aldine, Steamworks offers BNC members **discount coupons** to attend their "Bears, the Baths, and Beyond" events on the fourth Saturday of each month, along with "Bear Hump" on the second Wednesday of each month. Steamworks is open every day with all areas open, including the hot tub and steam room. **Read Steamworks' full list of rules for entry here**.

SERVICE US – AND EARN BEAR BUCKS!

We currently are in need of the following:

- **Someone willing to learn our procedures and serve as a backup for executing them**
- **Someone competent/knowledgeable** with Word Press

ABOUT BNC EVENTS

All Men (age 21 and up) are welcome to attend our regularly scheduled events. Sponsorship is NOT required for guests to attend any BNC event, so don't be shy … come on out! BNC parties are held at **Touché** (6412 N. Clark Street) next to Leather 64Ten in the Rogers Park neighborhood, just northwest of the Clark/Devon intersection. The bar is located on CTA bus routes 22, 36, 151, and 155, all of which stop at this intersection. Admission to BNC parties includes pizza and two drink tickets (cash bar after the two tickets are redeemed) in addition to all the fun you can handle!

VOLUNTEER WITH BNC EVENTS – AND EARN BEAR BUCKS!

BNC is always seeking volunteers for our events. Volunteers get free entry to the event worked and they can also earn "Bear Bucks" that can be redeemed to pay annual membership dues or event entry fees. Want to help out? Use the contact form at www.bearnaked.club and let us know how and when you would be able to volunteer

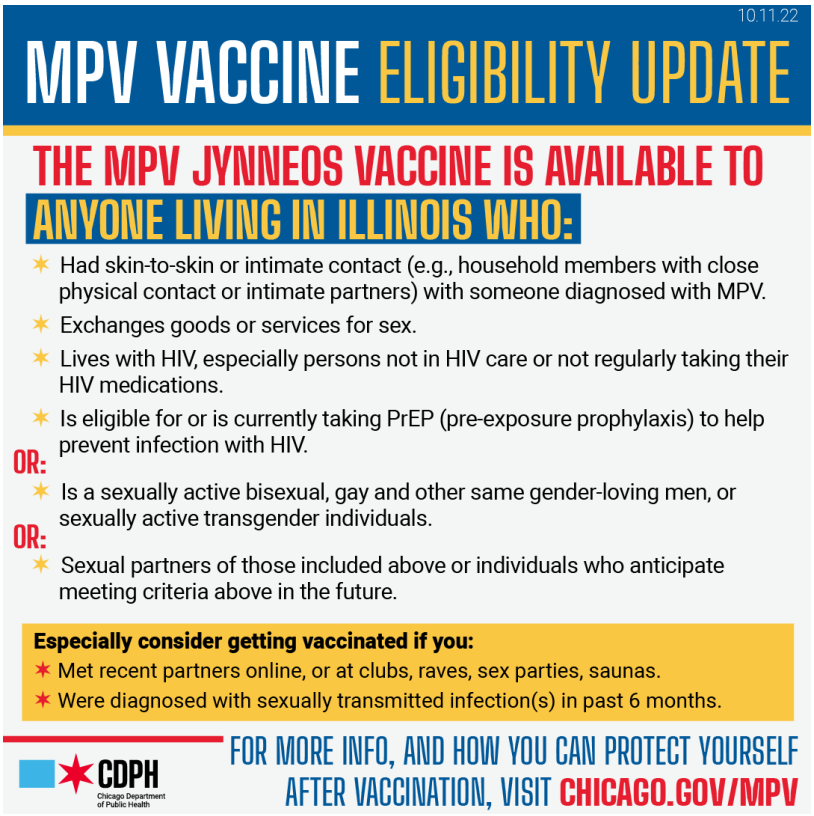
CAN WE SEE YOUR PICS?

Quit holding out on us! We want to see what you're working with. If you feel up to sharing with the rest of the group, reach out to us here and we'll get in touch. You can remain as anonymous as you like or you can bear it all. We want to see it either way.

ALL THINGS MPOX

Chicago clinics are using the JYNNEOS™ vaccine, which is licensed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to prevent smallpox and monkeypox in adults who are at risk for infection of Mpox, formerly known as Monkeypox. **Any sexually active bisexual, gay, and other same-gender loving men or sexually active transgender individual is now eligible to get the vaccine in Illinois.** It is a two-dose vaccine given under the skin 28 days apart.

VACCINATION LOCATIONS



The **Center on Halstead** is hosting vaccine clinics at various times and days at two clinic locations for those who want services:

Southside Chicago/Woodlawn Community Center on Cottage Grove • 6323 S. Cottage Grove

Northside Chicago Center on Halsted • 3656 N. Halsted

Check here to see their up-to-date list and schedule an appointment.

The Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) is offering vaccinations at their Lakeview, Austin, and Roseland clinics. Go here to schedule an appointment.

You can **schedule an appointment** for a Mpox vaccine at Howard Brown by calling 872-269-3600. Go here for more information about appointments and treatment through Howard Brown.

Want to get a copy of your Mpox vaccination record? You can do it online. Here's how:

1. Go to https://idphportal.illinois.gov/s/
2. Create an account
3. View your vaccination records. Mpox shots will show up here as well as any other vaccinations you've gotten recently that are reported to the state.

GET YOUR MPOX VACCINE

chicago.gov/mpox

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IT'S NOT OVER.

Call your health provider, or contact HIV / STI Resource Hub at 844.482.4040 or hivhub.org

PROTECT YOURSELF

- *Avoid close contact with anyone who has a rash until checked by a provider;*
- *Wash hands often with soap and water or use sanitizer;*
- *Don't share towels, bedding,* or clothing.

MPOX VACCINE IS YOUR BEST SHOT PROTECT YOURSELF AND STOP THE SPREAD

For more information scan the code or visit: chicago.gov/mpox

Illinois DPH mpox vaccine locator and use vaccine code "Orthopox"

Chicago DPH Specialty STI Clinics

Chicago DPH mpox vaccine information & locator

VACÚNATE CONTRA EL MPOX

chicago.gov/mpox

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NO HA TERMINADO.
PROTÉGETE.

Llama a tu doctor o comunícate al Centro de Recursos de VIH/ Enfermedades de Transmisión Sexual al 844.482.4040 o visita hivhub.org

- *Evita el contacto cercano con cualquier persona que tenga un sarpullido hasta que lo revise un proveedor de salud;*
- *Lávate las manos con frecuencia con agua y jabón o usa desinfectante;*
- *No compartas toallas, sábanas, cobijas, almohadas, ni prendas de vestir.*

LA VACUNA CONTRA EL MPOX ES TU MEJOR DEFENSA. PROTÉGETE Y DETÉN EL CONTAGIO.

Para más información, escanea el código o visita: chicago.gov/mpox

Usa este código para encontrar vacunas contra el mpox en el estado de Illinois. Utiliza la palabra "Orthopox"

Usa este código para encontrar clínicas en Chicago que se especializan en Enfermedades de Transmisión Sexual

Usa este código para encontrar información sobre la vacuna del mpox del Departamento de Salud de Chicago.