If you are a recent Ebola survivor, unprotected sex can put your partner at risk.

Recent Ebola survivors should also avoid pregnancy for three months.

Here is what you need to know to protect yourself, protect your partner, and avoid pregnancy.



Couples counseling is encouraged with your community psychosocial counselor.



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Ebola Survivors:

READ THIS BEFORE YOU HAVE SEX





The Ebola virus can live in the sperm and vaginal fluids of an Ebola survivor for up to 3 months.

Men and women who have recovered from Ebola are advised to abstain from sex (including oral sex) for three months.

Even though it is not recommended, if a recent Ebola survivor does have sex **a condom should be used every time**. This will help reduce the risk to your partner and reduce the chance of pregnancy.

1. CAREFULLY OPEN AND REMOVE THE CONDOM.



2. USE THE CONDOM WHEN THE PENIS IS HARD.





4. PINCH AIR OUT OF THE TIP OF THE CONDOM.



5. UNROLL THE CONDOM TO THE BASE OF PENIS.



6. NOW YOU CAN HAVE SEX.

USE A NEW CONDOM EVERY TIME YOU HAVE SEX.

AVOID PREGNANCY FOR THREE MONTHS. TWO SURVIVORS WHO HAVE SEX TOGETHER SHOULD USE CONDOMS TO PREVENT PREGNANCY DURING THIS TIME.

AFTER SEX, ONLY THE SURVIVOR SHOULD TOUCH THE USED CONDOM.

7. AFTER SEX, THE SURVIVOR SHOULD HOLD CONDOM ON THE BASE OF THE PENIS AND PULL OUT OF THE VAGINA.

Male Survivor



8. THE PARTNER WHO IS THE SURVIVOR SHOULD REMOVE THE CONDOM.





9. ONLY THE SURVIVOR SHOULD DISPOSE OF THE CONDOM SAFELY IN A PIT LATRINE OR TOILET.

