



## MINISTRY OF HEALTH

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#### **PRESS STATEMENT: MPOX AND MARBURG VIRUS UPDATE**

The Ministry of Health is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all Kenyans. We are grateful for the public's continued cooperation in adhering to health guidelines and playing an active role in the fight against Mpox. Your collective efforts have significantly contributed to containing the spread of the virus and protecting our communities.

As part of our commitment to keeping the nation informed, we wish to provide an update on the Mpox outbreak. In the last 24 hours, **two (2)** new cases of Mpox have been confirmed, bringing the total number of confirmed cases across the country to **twelve (12)**. The cases are distributed as follows: **Nakuru (2), Kajiado (2), Taita Taveta (1), Busia (1), Nairobi (1), Mombasa (1), Makueni (1), Bungoma (1), Kericho (1) and Kilifi (1)**

Of the confirmed cases, **five (5)** are currently on management, and **seven (7)** have fully recovered. We are pleased to report that no deaths have been recorded among the confirmed cases. So far, **68** contacts have been identified, **60** of whom have successfully completed the required 21-day follow-up. **Two (2)** contacts has tested positive for Mpox, and **six (6)** others remain under active follow-up.

In the past 24 hours, a total of **15,269** travelers have been screened at various Points of Entry (POEs), bringing the cumulative number to **1,161,622** travelers screened across 26 POEs. The National Public Health Laboratory (NPHL) has received **230** samples for testing, of which **12** have tested positive; **217** have returned negative results, and **one (1)** is pending results.



We urge all Kenyans to remain vigilant and continue observing the Mpox preventive measures outlined by the Ministry of Health; avoid close contact with infected individuals or their personal items, limit the number of sexual partners to reduce exposure, and maintain good hygiene by frequent hand washing or using hand sanitizer. Should you observe any suspected symptoms or cases, please report them immediately by dialing the toll-free number 719.

We also wish to acknowledge and thank our county governments for their unwavering support and cooperation. Your dedication to surveillance and quick response has been key to managing the outbreak. We urge counties to remain alert, strengthen surveillance, and continue working closely with us to ensure early detection and prompt action.

Additionally, the Ministry of Health has received an alert from WHO on Marburg Virus Disease (MVD). Currently we have no marburg cases reported in the country. We have heightened surveillance activities and urge the public to remain vigilant. Symptoms of Marburg Virus Disease include high fever, severe headaches, muscle aches, vomiting, diarrhea, rashes, difficulty swallowing and bleeding from body openings. If you experience any of these symptoms, seek medical attention immediately. To prevent the spread, avoid close contact with confirmed cases or symptomatic individuals, frequent hand washing or using hand sanitizer, and avoid sharing personal items. Travelers to affected areas should take extra precautions.

For inquiries or to report suspected Mpox cases, contact the Ministry through our emergency hotlines: 719, 0729471414, or 0732353535. Together, through vigilance, collaboration, and adherence to preventive measures, we will continue to protect our communities and curb the spread of Mpox and Marburg.

***"Afya yako ni jukumu lako - chukua tahadhari, linda jamii."***



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