



## MINISTRY OF HEALTH

### PRESS STATEMENT

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### UPDATE ON THE MPOX OUTBREAK IN KENYA

The Ministry of Health remains vigilant and committed to providing timely and accurate updates on the ongoing Mpox outbreak in Kenya. As the situation evolves, we are sharing the latest status and reminding the public of the critical role we all play in preventing the spread of this virus. It is imperative that every citizen stays informed and follows the recommended safety measures to protect themselves and their communities.

**Current Status:** Kenya has recorded one new Mpox case in the last 24 hours, bringing the total number of confirmed cases to 10. The latest case involves a 35-year-old female from Kericho County. The confirmed cases are now distributed across the counties as follows:

- Nakuru (2)
- Taita Taveta (1)
- Busia (1)
- Nairobi (1)
- Mombasa (1)
- Makueni (1)
- Kajiado (1)
- Bungoma (1)
- Kericho (1)

It is important to note that no deaths have been registered among the confirmed cases.

**Surveillance and Contact Tracing:** Our surveillance efforts remain robust. The Ministry has traced 68 contacts, 61 of whom have completed the recommended 21-day monitoring period. The remaining seven contacts are still being monitored by our public health

teams and Community Health Promoters (CHPs) in the respective counties. Only one contact tested positive for Mpox during the monitoring period.

Additionally, the Ministry continues to screen travelers at all Points of Entry (POEs). In the last 24 hours alone, 117,377 travelers were screened, bringing the total number of travelers screened at 26 POEs to 1,146,353. The National Public Health Laboratory (NPHL) has received and tested 230 samples to date, with ten confirmed positive, 216 testing negative, and four samples currently under testing.

**Preventive Measures:** To mitigate the spread of Mpox, we urge all citizens to observe the following preventive measures:

1. Avoid close physical contact with individuals infected with or showing symptoms of Mpox.
2. Do not touch items such as bedding or clothing used by an infected individual.
3. Limit the number of sexual partners to reduce the risk of exposure.
4. Wash hands regularly with soap and water, or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
5. Avoid contact with wild animals and refrain from consuming bushmeat.

We extend our sincere gratitude to all Kenyans for their cooperation in implementing the measures to combat this outbreak. Vigilance remains key in protecting our communities from the spread of Mpox. By staying informed and adhering to the recommended guidelines, we can collectively control this outbreak.

For further inquiries or to report suspected Mpox cases, please contact the Ministry through our emergency hotline numbers: 719, 0729471414, or 0732353535.

Further updates will be shared as more information becomes available.



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