

**LATEST SITUATION TOWARDS
MALAYSIA'S PREPARATION FOR MPOX CLADE 1b**

Reference is made to the [MEDIA STATEMENT](#) by the Ministry of Health (MOH) dated 28 August 2024.

The mpox disease (a viral illness caused by the monkeypox virus) has been declared as one of the Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) and MOH calls for preparedness to face any mpox infection situation:

1. High-risk individuals who experience mpox-like symptoms which includes fever, swelling of lymph nodes and rash/blisters to get themselves checked at a nearby health facility.
2. Avoid direct contact with individuals who are suspected or confirmed to be infected with mpox.
3. Practice personal health control by washing hands with water and soap or using hand sanitizer.

At present, the World Health Organization (WHO) has not issued any advice or recommendation for travel restrictions. Therefore, individuals visiting high-risk countries are advised to take preventive measures such as maintaining personal hygiene, avoiding contact with symptomatic individuals or sick animals, immediately seek medical attention if symptomatic, and adhering to guidelines issued by the MOH from time to time.

We urge members to take note of MOH's latest advice to help prevent the further spread of mpox.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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