



Statement of the First Meeting of the International Health Regulations (2005) (IHR) Emergency Committee regarding the upsurge of mpox 2024, convened by the WHO Director-General on 14 August 2024

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Dear States Parties to the International Health Regulations (2005),

The Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO), having concurred with the advice offered by the Emergency Committee of the International Health Regulations regarding the upsurge of mpox 2024, held during its first meeting on 14 August 2024, determines that the ongoing upsurge of mpox constitutes a public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC) under the provisions of the International Health Regulations (2005).

Kindly note that the Director-General of WHO, will in the coming days, share with States Parties the report of the meeting of the Emergency Committee, and issue temporary recommendations to States Parties to prepare and respond to the ongoing event.

Best regards,

WHO Secretariat

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