

Subject: Essential Mpox Resources for UN Health Care Workers –To Support Your Preparedness/Response Plan

Dear UN Health Care Workers,

In light of the August 2024 declaration by the World Health Organization (WHO) of mpox as a public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC), we want to provide you with key mpox resources to support you in outbreak preparedness and response efforts.

Please note that most mpox cases are mild and manageable. Nevertheless, all UN health care workers should remain vigilant and prepare your health facilities to handle any scenarios that may arise.

Therefore, all UN health care workers should review thoroughly the resources below, utilize them in your own mpox preparedness and response plans, including conducting a tabletop / simulation exercise using the material shared below.

Please reach out to DHMOSH Public Health Section at dos-dhmosh-public-health@un.org if you have any questions regarding these resources.

Sujet : Ressources Essentielles sur la variole simienne (Mpox) pour les Agents de Santé de l'ONU – Pour Soutenir Votre Plan de Préparation/Réponse

Chers Agents de Santé de l'ONU,

À la suite de la déclaration d'urgence de santé publique de portée internationale (USPPI) concernant la variole simienne par l'Organisation mondiale de la santé (OMS) le 14 août 2024, nous souhaitons vous fournir des ressources clés pour soutenir vos efforts de préparation et de réponse aux épidémies.

Veillez noter que la plupart des cas de la variole simienne sont bénins et gérables. Néanmoins, il est important que tous les agents de santé de l'ONU restent vigilants et préparent vos établissements de santé à gérer toute situation qui pourrait se présenter.

Par conséquent, nous vous encourageons à examiner attentivement les ressources ci-dessous, à les utiliser dans vos propres plans de préparation et de réponse au variole simienne, y compris à réaliser un exercice de simulation/table-top en utilisant le matériel partagé ci-dessous.

N'hésitez pas à nous contacter DHMOSH Public Health Section à l'adresse dos-dhmosh-public-health@un.org si vous avez des questions concernant ces ressources.

List of Important Mpox Documents for United Nations Health Care Workers

(as of 21 August 2024)

DHMOSH RESOURCES

- [DHMOSH Outbreak Preparedness Checklist](#) - *Generic outbreak preparedness checklist which can be applied to any disease, including Mpox. Use this list to evaluate your own Mpox response plan and guide your own Mpox preparedness activities.*
 - https://hr.un.org/sites/hr.un.org/files/ID_Outbreak%20Generic%20Preparedness%20Checklist_2024-08-20_0.pdf
- [DHMOSH Mpox Webpage](#) – *Dedicated Mpox page regularly updated by DHMOSH and contains all information, documents, files, and links to all UN and WHO resources relevant to UN healthcare workers and staff.*
 - <https://hr.un.org/page/monkeypox>
- [UN Medical Directors' Risk Mitigation Plan for Mpox](#) - *Document containing recommendations provided by the UN Medical Directors to all UN Organizations and apply to all UN personnel to reduce the risk of UN personnel acquiring mpox.*
 - English: https://hr.un.org/sites/hr.un.org/files/ID_Monkeypox_RMP_2024-08-19_ENG_0.pdf
 - French: https://hr.un.org/sites/hr.un.org/files/ID_Monkeypox_RMP_2024-08-19_FR_0.pdf
- [Mpox: Information for UN Health Workers](#) – *Global webinar on mpox presented by Dr. Esther Tan on 20 August 2024 to help UN medical personnel understand the disease and prepare them to respond to a possible outbreak in their UN duty stations.*
 - Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q6Y9j5Ou71k>
 - Slides: https://hr.un.org/sites/hr.un.org/files/ID_MPox_Estherppt_UN_HCW_2024-08-20_FINAL_0.pdf
- [E-Outbreak Response Tool \(e-ORT\)](#) – *Online disease surveillance tool designed by DHMOSH to track, manage, and prevent outbreaks of infectious diseases in field locations. Please report Mpox cases among UN personnel to DHMOSH through the e-ORT platform.*
 - <https://hr.un.org/page/reporting-outbreaks>
- [Mpox Tabletop Exercise](#) - *Please use this resource to run a tabletop/simulation exercise for Mpox in your duty station.*
 - <https://hr.un.org/files/file/refmaterials/documents/mpoxttxscenario2024-08-21pptx>

WHO & OTHER RESOURCES

- [WHO Mpox Situation Update \(12 August 2024\)](#) - *Latest WHO situation report for the multi-country outbreak of mpox, which provides details on the latest epidemiological trends,*

including an update on the geographic expansion of mpox in the WHO African Region from July – August 2024.

- <https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/multi-country-outbreak-of-mpox--external-situation-report-35--12-august-2024>
- **WHO Mpox Outbreak Toolbox** - WHO one stop website that contains everything you need to know about the disease, how to conduct detailed outbreak investigations, and all existing and available resources in the WHO arsenal.
 - <https://www.who.int/emergencies/outbreak-toolkit/disease-outbreak-toolboxes/mpox-outbreak-toolbox>
- **WHO Mpox FAQ** - Get answers to your questions about the illness, including symptoms, vaccines and other FAQ.
 - <https://www.who.int/news-room/questions-and-answers/item/mpox>
- **PPE posters for donning on and off** - Posters with detailed instructions for health-care professionals on how put on and how to remove personal protective equipment (PPE) before and after visiting a treatment centre, or isolation unit.
 - How to put on PPE for mpox
 - English: <https://www.who.int/multi-media/details/steps-to-put-on-personal-protective-equipment--for-mpox>
 - French: <https://www.who.int/fr/multi-media/details/steps-to-put-on-personal-protective-equipment--for-mpox>
 - How to remove PPE for mpox
 - English: [https://www.who.int/multi-media/details/steps-to-remove-personal-protective-equipment-\(ppe\)-for-mpox](https://www.who.int/multi-media/details/steps-to-remove-personal-protective-equipment-(ppe)-for-mpox)
 - French: [https://www.who.int/fr/multi-media/details/steps-to-remove-personal-protective-equipment-\(ppe\)-for-mpox](https://www.who.int/fr/multi-media/details/steps-to-remove-personal-protective-equipment-(ppe)-for-mpox)
- **PPE Burn Calculator** – Use the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Burn Rate Calculator to plan, optimize, and track your PPE inventory. Calculate your facility’s average PPE consumption rate or “burn rate” and estimate how many days a PPE supply will last given current inventory levels and PPE burn rate.
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/pandemic/ppe.html>

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