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Head Teachers and School Directors  
Pre-Primary, Primary, Secondary  
and Training Institutions  
**KAMPALA CITY**

## **INSTITUTION OF MEASURES AIMED AT PREVENTING SPREAD OF M-POX IN SCHOOLS**

The Ministry of Health (MOH) declared M-pox outbreak on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2024 following confirmation of two cases of the disease in Kasese District. As of 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025, Kampala Capital City had accumulated a total of 1,067 confirmed cases of which 23 cases were new cases confirmed in just 24 hours.

M-POX is a highly infectious zoonotic disease with the potential for widespread human transmission especially in crowded places. It spreads from contact with infected persons, contaminated sheets, and clothes amongst other means.

As learners report back to schools from the long holidays, there are risks of admission of sick children, teachers or members of support staff into the school community. When this happens, M-POX can spread widely within the school and lead to suspension of school activities and/or closure of the school.

The purpose of these communication therefore is to ask management of all learning institutions to institute M-POX

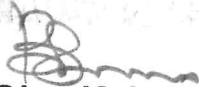


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prevention measures as provided by Ministry of Health and screen all learners, teachers and support staff before admission in your schools.

For further guidance and reporting of suspected cases, please contact your respective **Division Medical Officers** or call **KCCA Call Center Toll free line: 0800299000**



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