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First alert: March 5, 2025 | The First Clade Ib Mpox in United Arab Emirates

Sub-Locations Affected

United Arab Emirates (not publicly disclosed)

Event Description

On February 7, 2025, the World Health Organization (WHO) received the first laboratory-confirmed case of mpox clade Ib in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Limited details are available, except that the individual had recently traveled to Uganda.



Epidemiological Information

- On February 7, 2025, the UAE notified WHO of its first detected mpox Clade Ib case in an adult with recent travel to Uganda. Symptoms began on January 11, with confirmation on January 18. The patient was hospitalized in isolation at the time of reporting.
- In addition, most travel-associated cases in non-African countries had links to affected areas in Africa. However, as of March 5, 2025, **four countries have reported at least one case linked to travel from the UAE:**

India: The case was confirmed by the WHO on October 1, 2024 in a 38-year-old man from Malappuram district, Kerala state who had returned from the UAE.

Pakistan: On December 2, 2024, Pakistan's International Health Regulations (IHR) National Focal Point notified the WHO of the country's first confirmed case of mpox Clade Ib in a resident of the UAE who travelled to Pakistan

Oman: On December 10, 2024, Oman's IHR National Focal Point reported the country's first case of mpox Clade I in a resident who travelled to the UAE between November 20-25, 2024.

Thailand: There have been at least three laboratory-confirmed clade Ib mpox cases with a history of travel to UAE.

Response Measures

- The UAE Ministry of Health and Prevention (MOHAP) has assured the public that strict monitoring and precautionary measures are being taken to contain the spread of the virus. Response measures remain unchanged with close contacts and potential local transmission being monitored by UAE and partner organizations, and will be offered care, testing, and vaccination where needed to prevent further infections.
- Ongoing surveillance and contact tracing efforts are in place to identify any potential secondary infections or exposure risks. Public was urged to follow preventive measures, including hygiene practices and vaccination, as a way to limit exposure to the virus.
- Affected individuals are being treated in specialized isolation units to prevent further spread.

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