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## DISEASE ALERT



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### First alert: February 3, 2025 | **Mpox Clade I in United Kingdom**

#### Sub-Locations Affected

England (London)

#### Event Description

On January 31, 2025, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) reported an additional instance of clade Ib mpox. This marks the eighth confirmed case of this variant in England since October 2024, and notably, it has no connections to any previously documented cases.



Source <https://www.freepik.com/free-vector/man-with->

#### Epidemiological Information

- A new instance of clade Ib mpox has been identified in London, England on January 31, 2025.
- The individual affected is currently hospitalized at the Royal Free Hospital's High Consequence Infectious Diseases unit.
- This person had recently traveled to Uganda, where there is active community transmission of clade Ib mpox.
- This case represents the second occurrence this week and the third this month in England involving recent travel to Uganda.
- The earlier cases were documented on January 20 and January 27, 2025.
- No connections have been established between these cases.
- All reported cases are situated in England, specifically linked to travel from Uganda.
- Specific demographic information about individuals has not been disclosed; all cases are associated with international travel.
- The lack of epidemiological links among the cases suggests that they are independently acquired rather than resulting from local transmission within England.

## Response Measure

- Response measures remain unchanged with close contacts being monitored by UKHSA 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.
- Affected individuals are being treated in specialized isolation units to prevent further spread.
- Health officials at the UKHSA state that the risk to the UK population remains low.

### Sources:

1. BlueDot (Event Alert), issued on February 1, 2025.
2. UK Health Security Agency. (2025, January 30). UKHSA detects first case of clade Ib mpox. Government of the United Kingdom. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ukhsa-detects-first-case-of-clade-ib-mpox>