

Dear Dormitory Operators and Managing Agents,

[For information and action] Public Health Measures to Protect Migrant Workers Against Mpox

On 14 August 2024, the World Health Organisation declared mpox^[1] a global public health emergency, following an outbreak of the viral infection in the Democratic Republic of Congo that has spread to neighbouring countries. As of now, **the Ministry of Health (MOH) assessed that the immediate public health risk of the mpox outbreak in Africa to Singapore is low.**

What should I do as a dormitory operator?

2. **We would like to urge all dormitory operators to help in the early detection of potential mpox cases among migrant workers by reminding your residents to report sick if they are feeling unwell.** Please look out for workers with fever, rash and reported recent travel history to African countries. These workers should be isolated while waiting to seek medical attention at the nearest Medical Centre for Migrant Workers (MCMW). More information on mpox symptoms and transmission can be found [here](#).

3. To reduce the risk of contracting mpox, please encourage your residents to:
 - Maintain good personal hygiene by washing their hands regularly with soap and water, or using hand sanitisers if soap and water is unavailable
 - Wear a mask should they have fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose, or body aches. They should also report sick at the nearest MCMW as soon as possible.
 - Clean common surfaces such as doorknobs, keyboards, and phones regularly

^[1] <https://www.moh.gov.sg/diseases-updates/mpox>

- Dispose items which are contaminated with bodily fluids or respiratory secretions, such as used tissues, face masks, and gloves, and discard them safely in biohazard bags
- Avoid direct contact with skin lesions of an infected person
- Avoid high-risk activities such as having multiple sex partners or casual sex

Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) measures

4. In the event of a mpox case at your dormitory, MOH will conduct contact tracing to identify close contacts/roommates. The identified close contacts/roommates will be conveyed to MOH facilities for isolation and offered post-exposure vaccination. NEA will handle the environmental cleaning and disinfection of locations visited by the cases. We will require your support during these situations and will provide further instructions as necessary.

5. We have also prepared an infographic to share more information on mpox. Please share the infographic at this [link](#) with your residents.

6. This is a system-generated email. Please do not reply to this email address. For feedback or further queries, please [contact us](#).

7. Thank you.

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