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Travellers to Uganda Safe

KAMPALA – Uganda, August, 22 2024. On August 14, 2024, the World Health Organization (WHO) issued a declaration that designates Mpox as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC). The Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) followed by announcing a Public Health Emergency of Continental Security (PHECS) on August 13, 2024.

Following these declarations, The Ministry of Health, Uganda confirmed two cases of Mpox from 6 samples at the border area near DRC for the first time in the country. The two individuals were isolated, treated and have since recovered and discharged. All the contact traces associated to the patients were negative.

Since the outbreak, the country has implemented enhanced surveillance and contact tracing protocols as well as intensified screening for Mpox at selected entry points to the country.

Uganda Tourism Board wishes to reiterate that Uganda is secure to visit by tourists, and the overall risk of infection is low.

Uganda has a strong track record in managing public health issues. The country continues to implement rigorous health protocols across tourist facilities, and public spaces. These measures are in place to safeguard the health of both citizens and visitors.

Uganda Tourism Board, together with health authorities, is committed to providing up-to-date information and maintaining a safe environment for all. We encourage travelers to continue planning their trips to Uganda with confidence.

For the most current travel advice and health guidelines, we recommend staying informed through official channels, including the Uganda Ministry of Health.

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About Uganda Tourism Board

Uganda Tourism Board (UTB) is a statutory organization established in 1994. Its role and mandate was reviewed in the Tourism Act of 2008. The Board's mandate is to promote and market Uganda across the region and internationally, promote quality assurance in tourist facilities through training, grading and classification, promote tourism investment, support, and act as a liaison for the private sector in tourism development.