

Is A Much Deadlier Strain Of Monkeypox Going To Be The Next Great Global Health Scare?

Should we be alarmed? Many of us have been watching the spread of a deadly new strain of Monkeypox for quite some time, and now it appears that this crisis is about to reach a boiling point. It is being reported that the World Health Organization is going to hold an “emergency meeting” to determine whether or not to declare a “public health emergency of international concern” due to a rapidly growing outbreak of Monkeypox in central Africa. For those that are not familiar, a “public health emergency of international concern” is the highest level of alert that the WHO issues. For example, in January 2020 a “public health emergency of international concern” was declared when COVID started to spread like wildfire inside China. So could we now be on the verge of the next great global health scare?

Two years ago, an outbreak of Monkeypox quickly spread all over the planet, and it is truly a horrifying disease.

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Mpox is a viral disease that causes painful rashes and flu-like symptoms such as fever, headaches and body aches. The virus that causes it comes from the same family as that of smallpox. It spreads from person to person and from animals to people through direct contact.

In May, scientists reported a new strain of the virus in the DRC that they said was more virulent and might spread more

easily.

Right now, if you somehow got infected with the strain that spread throughout the world in 2022, there is a good chance that you would be in so much pain that you would actually believe that you were about to die.

But that strain was rarely fatal.

Unfortunately, this strain is much more deadly.

According to the head of the World Health Organization, this new strain has already killed more than 500 people in the Democratic Republic of the Congo so far this year.

The outbreak, which began in the Democratic Republic of the Congo but has spread recently to at least three other neighboring countries, has involved more than 14,000 reported cases so far this year alone, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said, with at least 511 deaths reported.

Some experts believe that this new strain also spreads more easily.

Like the strain that spread all over the globe in 2022, this new strain spreads through sexual contact, but apparently it also spreads in other ways as well.

The CDC said in the alert that outbreaks in some provinces in the Democratic Republic of Congo have been associated with sexual contact.

In other parts of the country, however, patients have gotten sick through contact with infected animals, household transmission or patient care, the CDC said, adding that a high proportion of cases have been reported in children younger than 15.

“Most reported cases in known endemic provinces continue to

be among children under 15 years of age,” the World Health Organization wrote on its website on June 14. “Infants and children under five years of age are at highest risk of severe disease and death.”

In 2022, very few children got infected. But this time around lots of children are getting infected.

There had been hope that this outbreak could be confined to the Democratic Republic of Congo, but that didn't happen.

At this point, confirmed cases have been detected in four nations that directly border the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The WHO said the virus has now ‘spread to previously unaffected provinces.’

In the past month, at least 50 Mpox cases have been reported in four other countries bordering the DRC – countries that have not experienced the virus before.

They include Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda.

The genie is out of the bottle.

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What are they going to do now?

Well, it appears that the first step will be to declare a “public health emergency of international concern.”

World Health Organization chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus on Wednesday called an “emergency” meeting of international experts amidst growing worries over the mpox virus.

With mpox spreading outside of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Tedros said the WHO emergency committee would meet “as soon as possible” to advise him on “whether the outbreak represents a public health emergency of international concern.”

When a “public health emergency of international concern” is officially declared, it will get a ton of media attention and that will really ramp up the fear level.

As I noted earlier, it is the “highest level of alert” that the WHO can issue.

PHEIC, the emergency classification Ghebreyesus referred to, is the .’s highest level of alert. The . declared a PHEIC over the novel coronavirus that was first detected in China in late January 2020.

Thankfully, there have been no confirmed cases outside of Africa yet.

But last week the CDC instructed doctors in the United States “to be on the lookout” for cases...

The Centers for Disease Control on Wednesday alerted doctors to be on the lookout for a deadly new strain of mpox spreading through parts of Africa while U.S. officials committed \$424 million to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which is the epicenter of the outbreak.

What are they expecting? Do they anticipate that there will soon be confirmed cases here in the United States?

Needless to say, such a development would deeply alarm millions of people.

Interestingly, the CDC is also instructing Americans to limit contact with animals at county fairs all over the nation due

to concerns about the bird flu.

Your trip to the county fair might look a little different this year all because of avian influenza also known as “bird flu.”

Organizers across the U.S. are working to ensure their events do not lead to the spread of the virus.

Children under five, people 65 years and older, pregnant people, people with certain chronic medical conditions, and others are at a higher risk of developing serious flu complications and should limit contact with animals that could carry influenza viruses, if possible, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Will H5N1 cause more panic during the months ahead, or will it be Monkeypox?

We will just have to wait and see how all of this plays out.

In any event, it is just a matter of time before the next major health scare paralyzes the entire globe just like we witnessed a few years ago.

Even as you read this article, scientists in secret labs all over the planet are playing around with some of the deadliest diseases ever known to humanity, and as we have seen it is way too easy for an “accident” to happen.

We live at a time when great pestilences will be a constant threat, and fear of those great pestilences will cause chaos all over the world.

So buckle up and hold on tight, because what we went through before was just a preview of what is ahead.

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