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THIS SUBJECT PLEASE QUOTE NO. **ADM:145/01**

THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

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All District Health Officers

RE: HEIGHTENED SURVEILLANCE AND PREPAREDNESS FOR MARBURG VIRUS DISEASE

The Government of Tanzania confirmed an outbreak of Marburg Virus Disease (MVD) on 21st March 2023. This followed an alert of a possibly contagious disease, with seven cases of which five had been reported dead in Kagera region and Bukoba rural district. The districts at highest risk are those bordering Tanzania; however, all districts are urged to be on the lookout for possible MVD cases.

The purpose of this letter therefore is to inform all districts to strengthen and enhance surveillance for Marburg and to advise health workers to have a high index of suspicion for MVD. All Public and Private Health Facilities and VHTs must report all alerts and signals to higher levels.

All Districts bordering Tanzania must with immediate effect start screening all in-bound passengers at Points of Entry. The District Health Officers must ensure adequate stocks of infection Prevention and Control (IPC) supplies, strengthen IPC practices in all health facilities, and hold regular CMEs on Marburg.

Additionally, you should ensure increased Risk Communication for MVD, community sensitization and reinforce mortality surveillance within the communities.

Please note that alerts should be investigated and reported to the Ministry of Health.


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- cc. Hon. Minister of Health
- cc. Hon. Ministers of State for Health
- cc. Permanent Secretary
- cc. Directors Health Services
- cc. RDCs, LC5 Chairpersons - for all Districts bordering Tanzania