



MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Press Release

Ebola Disease Preparedness: Strengthened Surveillance Measures

Further to its communiqué of 21 May 2026, the Ministry of Health and Wellness wishes to reassure the public that **no case of Ebola disease has been reported in Mauritius**. The Ministry has been made aware of circulating rumours regarding possible exposure of Mauritian nationals abroad. The Ministry wishes to reassure the population that there is no veracity in such information.

The Ministry is closely monitoring the Ebola disease outbreak reported in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda. On 21 May 2026, immediately following the declaration of the outbreak as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern by the World Health Organization (WHO), the Ministry activated its National Preparedness Plan for Viral Haemorrhagic Fever, including Ebola Virus Disease. The Ministry also remains in continuous liaison with the WHO for updated guidance and technical advice.

Preparedness measures are being strengthened, including surveillance at points of entry, hospital preparedness, laboratory arrangements, infection prevention and control, contact tracing, traveller follow-up and risk communication.

At the airport, reinforced measures include verification of flight health declarations, thermal screening, health counter assessment, review of travel and health information, and transmission of relevant passenger data to regional health offices for follow-up. Measures are also in place at the seaport, including health declaration checks, thermal screening and health counter assessment.

Any suspected case detected at a point of entry will be safely transferred to a designated isolation facility for assessment and care, in line with established protocols.

The Ministry reassures the public that there is **no cause for panic**. Ebola does not spread like common respiratory infections and a person is not considered infectious before symptoms appear. The Ministry will continue to act proactively, monitor the situation closely and keep the public informed of any major development.

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