



The Republic of Uganda

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

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UPDATE ON THE MARBURG OUTBREAK

For immediate release

The number of cumulative cases still stands at two - One confirmed and one probable case.

Laboratory testing at the Uganda Virus Research Institute (UVRI), for blood specimens obtained from two health workers who treated the confirmed case in Kapchorwa hospital and presented with Marburg-like symptoms, indicated that both cases are negative for Marburg Virus Disease (MVD). Additional tests also indicated that the cases were negative for Ebola, Congo Crimean Hemorrhagic Fever (CCHF), Rift Valley Fever and Sosuga viruses.

There is currently one case on isolation at Kapraron HC IV in Kween district. The case, a 39 year-old male from Korosi village, Kamwam parish in Kapraron Sub County presented with vomiting, nausea, intense fatigue, headache and abdominal pain for 5 days. He had no known contact history with any of the cases previously identified. A blood sample was taken off for MVD testing. He was started empirically on anti malarials and IV fluids.

The total number of contacts under follow up currently stands at 105 from both Kapchorwa and Kween districts. These are the individuals who got into contact with

either the probable or confirmed case. They will be monitored until the recommended 21 days elapse.

Our multi- stakeholder teams of experts will remain on ground in Kapchorwa and Kween districts until the outbreak is fully contained.

The Ministry of Health appeals to the general public to remain alert and observe the following precautions to control the spread of the Marburg virus:

- ❖ Report any suspected patients immediately to a nearby health facility.
- ❖ Avoid direct contact with body fluids of a person presenting with bleeding tendencies or symptoms suggestive of Marburg virus disease.
- ❖ Health workers are further reminded to wear gloves and appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when taking care of ill patients or suspected cases.
- ❖ Regular hand washing is required after visiting patients in hospital, as well as after taking care of patients at home.
- ❖ Avoid contact with persons who have died from the disease.
- ❖ Allow health workers to perform dignified burials among victims who might have succumbed to the disease, so as to minimise its spread to others.

You can report any suspected cases via the Ministry of Health hotline on **0800-100-066**.

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