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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Ebola update following a confirmed case in Kenya**

**For Immediate Release**

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The National Public Health Agency (NPHA) informs the public that Kenya confirmed its first imported Ebola case on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2026. The patient travelled from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) through Uganda and died in Nairobi. The ongoing Bundibugyo Ebola outbreak in the DRC accounts for more than 8,000 reported cases and over 4,000 deaths.

We recognise the concern this news may cause. Ebola can be contained through early detection, prompt care and cooperation with health authorities. Air travel between Sierra Leone and Kenya makes continued vigilance important.

The Ministry of Health, Sierra Leone Civil Aviation Authority and NPHA continue to maintain vigilance at points of entry. All travellers are screened for signs and symptoms at Freetown International Airport and all official land border crossings. Please cooperate with health officers and provide accurate information about your health, recent travel and contact with anyone who is ill.

Ebola spreads through direct contact with blood, body fluids, or contaminated materials from someone sick or deceased. Symptoms appear **2–21 days** after exposure, starting with sudden fever, weakness, headache, muscle pain, and sore throat, then vomiting, diarrhoea, stomach pain, or rash. Bleeding may occur but is not always present—seek help immediately, do not wait for bleeding.

- If you develop symptoms after recent travel to the DRC or Kenya, or contact with a suspected Ebola patient, call 117 immediately, explain your symptoms, travel history, and possible exposure, avoid close contact with others and public transport, and follow health officials' instructions for safe assessment and care, because early medical attention greatly improves survival.
- **Stay alert after travel.** Travellers returning from the DRC or Kenya should monitor their health for 21 days after arrival, even after passing entry screening. Report any known contact with an Ebola patient immediately, even if you feel well.
- **Complete the travel portal.** All travellers entering or leaving Sierra Leone must complete the health declaration at <https://poep.npha.gov.sl> within 72 hours before travel. Enter accurate travel, contact and health details, and keep your confirmation QR code or reference number. Ask a Port Health Officer for help if needed.

Wash your hands regularly with soap and water. Avoid contact with body fluids or belongings of anyone suspected of Ebola, and do not touch the body of someone who may have died from the disease. Follow updates from NPHA and the Ministry of Health, avoid rumours and treat travellers and affected families with respect. Please remain calm, stay alert and report concerns early.

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