



## MINISTRY OF HEALTH

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#### UPDATE ON THE SUSPECTED EBOLA CASE IN KAKAMEGA COUNTY.

On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022, the Ministry of Health was informed of a suspected case of Ebola Virus Disease in Kakamega County. Following the reports, the Ministry of Health took samples from the suspected case for testing at the KEMRI laboratory in Nairobi.

We would like to inform the public that the laboratory tests for samples taken from the patient have since turned out to be **Negative** and therefore there is no cause for alarm. We would like to appeal to members of the public to continue being vigilant and also stay safe by strictly observing hygiene measures that would protect them against this deadly disease.

Following the declaration of an outbreak of Ebola Virus disease (EVD) in Mubende district of Central Uganda, on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022, the Ministry of Health has heightened surveillance and screening at all our points of entry to curtail the spread of the Ebola virus into the country. We appeal to Members of the public to minimize their movements in and out of the country through entry points along our Western border unless it is extremely necessary. Those crossing at any of our border points should exercise maximum care as advised and guided by our health personnel at the entry points.

We thank you for your continued vigilance and in reporting of any suspicious cases.

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