

Preparations in Barbados For The Potential Introduction Of Ebola Virus Disease

National Epidemiologists and Lab Directors Meeting 2014





MEDIA RELEASE

(Aug 6)

**Risk of Ebola in the Caribbean "Low" says
CARPHA, but Preparation Needed**

Press Briefing (August 7th)

MOH Barbados

- ❑ Symptoms and Modes of Transmission
- ❑ Advice to travelers
(Ebola affected areas)
- ❑ Proposed plans for surveillance,
sensitization and infection control

WHO Statement Regarding the 2014 Ebola Outbreak in West Africa



World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General Dr. Margaret Chan on August 8, 2014 in Geneva announced that conditions for a PHEIC have been met.

WHO Recommendations (AUG 8)

- ❖ Advice: Travelers to Ebola affected and at-risk areas
- ❖ Preparation of states to detect, investigate, and manage Ebola cases
- ❖ Provision to general public: Accurate and relevant information on the Ebola outbreak and measures to reduce the risk of exposure.

Activities

- Health Promotion
- Ebola Procedural Manual
- Laboratory
- Port Health

HEALTH PROMOTION ACTIVITIES






Fact sheet on EVD

- Travel agencies; Ports of Entry Staff
- Ministries of Government/General Public
- Ministry of Health's Face Book Page
- Newspapers



Government Information Service

- Public service messages on hand hygiene
- Other messages to educate the public about EVD

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- ❖ Text messages developed
 - ❖ Interviews (Radio and Television)
 - ❖ Sensitization and Training Sessions
 - ❑ Clinical, Para-clinical, Administrative and ancillary MOH staff
 - ❑ Private sector health care workers;
 - ❑ Government and Private sector;
Civil society

EBOLA PROCEDURAL MANUAL





❖ Commenced development of Manual
(August 11th)

☐ Sensitization and Training of
Stakeholders

☐ Training for Isolation Unit Staff



Standard Operating Procedures

- ❖ Surveillance
- ❖ Infection Control

Educational Material

Training Curriculum

EVD 101

INTRODUCTION TO EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE

EVD FOR SUPPORT STAFF

EVD 202

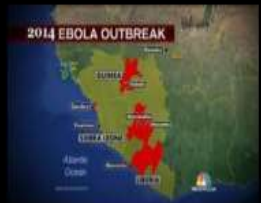


EVD 204

Surveillance

EVD 300

Clinical Management of Ebola



2014 EBOLA OUTBREAK



Infection Control

EVD 301

Stakeholder's Presentation

EVD 400



What You the Public Can Do




EVD 401

Funeral Homes

**EVD
402**




LABORATORY CONSIDERATIONS

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- ❖ Update IATA training for staff
 - ❖ SOPs for the taking, handling and storage of biological specimens by HCPs along with MLTs are to be developed
 - ❖ Point of Care Testing




PORT HEALTH

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- ❖ Protocol developed for Airport: passengers arriving from Ebola affected areas
 - ❖ Upgrade of Medical Assessment Facilities at Ports of Entry




ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

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- Ensuring adequate supplies of personal protective equipment (PPE).
 - Preparation of a suitable place for the management of EVD cases.



NEXT STEPS

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- ❖ Protocol to be developed:Seaport
 - ❖ Simulation Exercises
 - ❖ Identification of Courier (Lab Samples)
 - ❖ Updates of the Manual
 - ❑ Transportation of Suspected Cases
 - ❑ Transportation and Burial of Human Remains

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Thank You



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