

Directorate of Health Services

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To: All Staff, Students

Copy: The Vice Chancellor
The University Secretary
The Dean of Students

From The Asst Dir, Health Services



SUBJECT: EBOLA ALERT REMINDER!!

An Ebola like Virus Disease has now reached the door steps of the University, a case Crimean Congo Hemorrhagic fever (CCHF) has been confirmed and admitted in Soroti District Hospital. The districts of Mubende and Kassanda are currently under lockdown due to Ebola. The other areas where cases of Ebola have been reported include Bunyangabu, Kagadi, Kyegegwa and Kampala Districts.

Ebola, CCHF and related viruses are mainly transmitted from person to person through contact with the body fluid of an infected person including clothing and other items that have been used or had contact with an Ebola patient. Ebola may present with sore throat, fever, body pains but key features are bleeding from body openings. Ebola is deadly and kills over 70% (40% for CCHF) of its victims in a short time.

This reminder therefore serves keep you alert about the current Ebola outbreak in the Country and also to advise you to:-

1. Avoid unnecessary travel to affected areas and its neighbouring areas
2. Keep distance and avoid close contact with anyone with a fever especially if they have travelled from the affected areas recently
3. Wash hands regularly with soap and water, or sanitize at every opportunity
4. Avoid unnecessary burial attendance especially in the affected areas
5. For medical students, be more vigilant, do not attend to any suspected cases without proper training and PPEs
6. If you have had any form of direct contact with a person with Ebola like symptoms or suspected to have Ebola, or if you have recently travelled from any of the affected areas and are not feeling well, please isolate yourself from anyone including family members then contact our office or the nearest Public health facility for medical assistance.