



COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH, WELLNESS AND SOCIAL SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION

Tel: (767) 266 3357
Fax: (767) 440 7761
E-mail: minsechealth@dominica.gov.dm
Website: www.dominica.gov.dm

4th Floor, Government Headquarters
Kennedy Avenue
Roseau
Commonwealth of Dominica

MINISTRY OF HEALTH, WELLNESS AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Travel Advisory: Ebola Bundibugyo Virus Disease (EBVD)

Effective Date: 1 July 2026

Status: Active

Last Updated: 1 July 2026

The Ministry of Health, Wellness and Social Services of the Commonwealth of Dominica is closely monitoring the ongoing outbreak of Ebola Bundibugyo (boon-dee-BOO-joe) Virus Disease (EBVD) in Central and East Africa.

Following the declaration by the World Health Organization (WHO) of the current outbreak as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC), the Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica has implemented precautionary public health measures to safeguard the health and well-being of all citizens, residents, and visitors.

At present, there are no direct commercial flights between Dominica and the affected countries. Consequently, any potential risk of importation would most likely occur through indirect international travel routes.

About Ebola Bundibugyo Virus Disease (EBVD)

Ebola Bundibugyo Virus Disease (EBVD) is a rare but serious viral illness caused by the Bundibugyo species of the Ebola virus. The disease can cause severe illness and may be fatal if not identified and treated promptly.

Ebola is not spread through the air. It is transmitted through direct contact with the blood or other body fluids (such as saliva, vomit, urine, faeces, sweat, breast milk, or semen) of a person who is ill with or has died from Ebola. The virus may also spread through contact with contaminated objects, including needles, clothing, bedding, or medical equipment, and through contact with infected wild animals such as bats, monkeys, chimpanzees, and gorillas or their raw meat (commonly referred to as bushmeat).

The incubation period (the time between exposure to the virus and the onset of symptoms) ranges from 2 to 21 days. Individuals do not spread the virus before symptoms develop.

Travel Advisory



COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH, WELLNESS AND SOCIAL SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION

Tel: (767) 266 3357
Fax: (767) 440 7761
E-mail: minsechealth@dominica.gov.dm
Website: www.dominica.gov.dm

4th Floor, Government Headquarters
Kennedy Avenue
Roseau
Commonwealth of Dominica

The Ministry strongly advises all citizens and residents of Dominica to avoid all non-essential travel to countries where Ebola Bundibugyo Virus Disease has been confirmed, namely:

- Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)
- Uganda

The Ministry also urges travellers to exercise extreme caution and carefully assess the necessity of travel to countries identified by the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) as being at elevated risk for Ebola transmission. These include:

- Angola
- Burundi
- Central African Republic
- Republic of the Congo
- Kenya
- Rwanda
- Tanzania
- Zambia
- Ethiopia
- South Sudan

Persons planning travel to any of these countries are encouraged to remain informed by monitoring official public health updates and to comply with all guidance issued by local health authorities, the World Health Organization (WHO), and the Africa CDC.

Enhanced Border Health Measures

To protect public health, the Ministry has strengthened surveillance and disease prevention measures at all ports of entry.

Effective immediately:

- All travellers arriving from, or transiting through, countries affected by the Ebola outbreak may be subject to enhanced health screening and risk assessment upon arrival.
- Health declarations and travel history reviews may be conducted.



COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH, WELLNESS AND SOCIAL SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION

Tel: (767) 266 3357
Fax: (767) 440 7761
E-mail: minsehealth@dominica.gov.dm
Website: www.dominica.gov.dm

4th Floor, Government Headquarters
Kennedy Avenue
Roseau
Commonwealth of Dominica

- Travellers identified as having potential exposure risks may be required to undergo additional public health monitoring and follow-up.
- Based on the outcome of the health assessment and individual risk, travellers may be required to undergo monitoring, quarantine, or isolation for up to 21 days, in accordance with national public health protocols.
- Port Health Officers, Immigration Officials, and other relevant agencies have been placed on heightened alert and are working collaboratively to ensure the timely identification and management of any suspected cases.

The Ministry requests the full cooperation of all travellers with these important public health measures.

Information for Returning Travellers

Individuals who have recently travelled to, resided in, or transited through affected countries should remain vigilant for symptoms of Ebola Virus Disease for 21 days following their departure from the affected area.

Symptoms may include:

- Sudden onset of fever (above 38°C or 100.4°F)
- Severe weakness or fatigue
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Vomiting
- Diarrhoea
- Abdominal pain
- Unexplained bleeding or bruising



COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH, WELLNESS AND SOCIAL SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION

Tel: (767) 266 3357
Fax: (767) 440 7761
E-mail: minsechealth@dominica.gov.dm
Website: www.dominica.gov.dm

4th Floor, Government Headquarters
Kennedy Avenue
Roseau
Commonwealth of Dominica

Anyone who develops these symptoms after recent travel to an affected area, or after close contact with someone who has recently travelled to an affected area, should:

1. Immediately isolate themselves from others.
2. Avoid attending work, school, social gatherings, or healthcare facilities without first notifying the facility by telephone.
3. Contact the nearest health facility or public health authority by telephone before seeking medical attention.
4. Follow the instructions provided by healthcare professionals regarding assessment, testing, and care.

Early reporting and prompt medical evaluation are critical to preventing the spread of infectious diseases and ensuring timely treatment.

General Preventive Measures

The Ministry advises all travellers to:

- Avoid direct contact with anyone who is ill or displaying symptoms consistent with Ebola.
- Avoid contact with blood, bodily fluids, and contaminated materials.
- Avoid contact with wild animals that may carry the virus, particularly bats and non-human primates such as monkeys, chimpanzees, and gorillas.
- Practice frequent hand hygiene using soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Follow infection prevention measures recommended by local public health authorities.

Ongoing Monitoring and Public Communication

The Ministry of Health, Wellness and Social Services continues to work closely with regional and international partners, including the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), the World Health Organization (WHO), the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA), and other national stakeholders to monitor the evolving situation and strengthen Dominica's preparedness and response measures.



COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH, WELLNESS AND SOCIAL SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION

Tel: (767) 266 3357
Fax: (767) 440 7761
E-mail: minsechealth@dominica.gov.dm
Website: www.dominica.gov.dm

4th Floor, Government Headquarters
Kennedy Avenue
Roseau
Commonwealth of Dominica

The Ministry wishes to reassure the public that the current risk of Ebola Bundibugyo Virus Disease occurring in Dominica remains low. Nevertheless, preparedness activities are being intensified out of an abundance of caution to ensure the country remains ready to rapidly detect, respond to, and contain any potential public health threat.

The public is encouraged to obtain information only from official communications issued by the Ministry of Health, Wellness and Social Services and other reputable international public health organizations.

Further updates will be provided as additional information becomes available.

The Ministry thanks the public for its continued cooperation in protecting the health and safety of the Commonwealth of Dominica.