



Republic of Rwanda
Ministry of Health

GUIDELINES FOR PREVENTION OF MARBURG VIRUS DISEASE

1. Normal business and other activities continue as usual, with emphasis on reinforcing personal hygiene measures.
2. Avoid close contact with symptomatic individuals. Symptoms include:
 - High fever
 - Severe headaches
 - Muscle aches
 - Vomiting
 - Diarrhoea
3. Visits to hospitalized patients are not permitted for the next 14 days. A patient is allowed one caregiver at a time.
4. All healthcare facilities are required to implement a protocol for receiving and providing services to clients exhibiting symptoms of Marburg disease through the careful application of infection prevention and control (IPC) measures.
5. In the event of death caused by Marburg, wakes and home vigils (Ikiriyo) will not be permitted to prevent the spread of the virus.
6. Funeral services where the cause of death was determined to be Marburg will be attended by no more than 50 people.
7. Open-casket viewings are not permitted in homes, churches, or mosques. They will only be held in a designated area within the health facility premises, and with limited number of people.

By diligently following these guidelines, each one of us is making an invaluable contribution to protecting ourselves and each other. Additional measures will be announced in the coming days.