

THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA



TRAVEL ADVISORY NO.15 OF 21st JANUARY 2025

On 20th January 2025, the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania (URT) declared the outbreak of Marburg Viral Disease (MVD) affecting Biharamulo district in Kagera region, in the North-Western part of the country 1450km and 1068km from Dar es Salaam and Arusha respectively. Following this outbreak, the Government of the URT has decided to implement and enhance public health measures to contain the epidemic and prevent further local and international spread in line with the International Health Regulation of 2005. Thus, the Government has prepared the Travel Advisory No. 15 of 21st January 2025 with immediate effect to implement effective measures related to local and international travel as follows:

1. All departing travellers from Kagera region will be required to truthfully fill out an online Traveller's Surveillance Form through <https://afyamsafiri.moh.go.tz>
2. All persons in contact with a case are being monitored regularly and prevented from leaving their places of isolation until cleared to travel by health authorities.
3. At any point of entry (airport, ground crossing or port), body temperature will be checked on all travellers and those with feverish conditions will be further evaluated by Port Health Authority.
4. All travellers will be provided with health information and a toll-free number 199 at points of entry and advised to self-monitor and report any signs and symptoms of MVD. Those with signs and symptoms will be tested and treated at designated Government health facilities.
5. All travellers and staff at points of entry should adhere to Infection Prevention and Control measures such as hand hygiene, keeping physical distancing and report any sign or symptom using the toll-free number 199
6. All conveyance operators should adhere to exit screening measures implemented at points of entry in the country that include health screening, conveyance hygiene inspection, hand hygiene, use of alcohol-based sanitizers and reporting immediately of any traveller with any signs and symptoms to port health authority.

NB: The Travel Advisory will be reviewed from time to time as the need arises.

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