

KIBABII UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
INTERNAL MEMO

To: 1. All Members of staff
2. All Students

Date: 27th March, 2023

From: The Principal Clinical Officer

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NOTICE OF MARBURG VIRUS OUTBREAK IN TANZANIA

The World Health Organization (WHO) has put Kenya on notice following the outbreak of the Marburg virus in Tanzania on Tuesday, March 21, 2023.

This is in line with the International Health Regulations which stipulate a legal framework for handling public health events and emergencies that have the potential to cross Borders.

The Bungoma County Ministry of Health, Department of Health Services and Epidemics and Disaster Management Unit Kibabii University wish to inform staff and students to be on alert and report any unusual increase in individuals presenting with high fever (hotness of the body) of unknown cause, and [especially those with history of travel](#) to Tanzania.

Marburg is a highly contagious disease which presents with severe fever, bleeding, diarrhoea, flu, bleeding from all body orifices, and severe headache. Many patients develop severe hemorrhagic symptoms within seven days. The disease is transmitted from one human to another through droplets, including saliva, blood, tears and human faeces. It can also be transmitted from animal to human, if someone touches an infected animal. Additionally, the virus is transmitted to people from fruits, bats and spreads among humans through direct contact with the bodily fluids of infected people, surfaces and materials.

You are hereby notified that those presenting with symptoms of the disease are advised to seek treatment at our University Health Centre or at the nearest Hospitals for proper timely assessment and management.

The Kibabii University Management Board is committed and shall remain vigilant to ensure that Staff and Students are well-informed and protected against public health threats including infectious diseases and that the University Community continues to receive quality Health Services.



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