

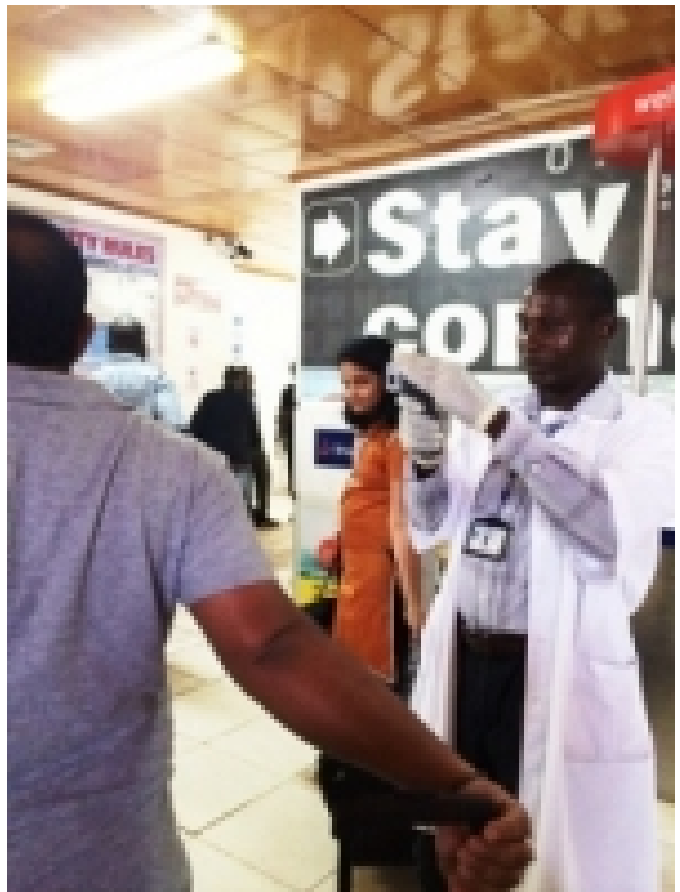
Leadership and coordination



Set up an intersectoral coordination mechanism for information sharing, periodic risk assessment and managing the national and international operational response should - cases occur.

Provide regular advice to the travellers going to Ebola-affected countries on effective public health measures for limiting exposure. -

Screening at points of entry as required under the International Health Regulations (IHR 2005)



Increase awareness of points of entry officials on the risk of importation of EVD case. -

Reinforce the team managing the screening of arriving passengers at the points of entry by deploying additional manpower. -

Ensure that the points of entry officials are appropriately trained for assessment, screening and detection of any suspected case with EVD. -

Ensure availability of measures for isolation of suspected case (possibly in a separate isolation/quarantine space) for investigation and management. -

Ensure there is effective coordination for information sharing and reporting between the designated points of entry officials and the Ministry of Health. -

Related reading

[Ebola event management at points of entry](#)

[Interim guidance for public health authorities and the transport sector](#)

Enhancing surveillance for contact tracing and monitoring



Enhance surveillance for cluster of unexplained deaths or febrile illness in countries with links to ground border crossing. -

Disseminate case definition of EVD to all health care facilities. -

Develop a protocol for active surveillance, contact tracing and monitoring of close contacts of any suspected case detected or identified either at the points of entry or through the nation's disease surveillance system. -

Ensure that the relevant staff are trained on field epidemiology, investigation and data management. -

Related reading

[Case definition recommendations for Ebola or Marburg Virus Diseases](#)

Reinforcing infection control precautions in health care settings




Ensure that health care workers, and especially those in direct contact with patients, have access to appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) and that PPE is used correctly. Ensure that PPE is changed and disposed of appropriately. Ensure that PPE is not reused. Ensure that PPE is not worn outside the patient care area. **Related reading**

[Infection prevention and control \(IPC\) guidance summary](#)

**Improving access to quality diagnostics testing and rapid turnaround of results**



- Establish a process for rapid shipment of specimens to WHO reference laboratory.
- Ensure capacity to perform routine diagnostic testing.

**Related reading** 

[Clinical management of patients with viral haemorrhagic fever](#)

**Improving social mobilization, and risk communication for Ebola**



Advise identified target audience, provide essential information on EVD to general and at-risk populations (health care workers, for example). These public health measures and operational guidance need to be packaged and implemented at national level in consistency with WHO's [Guidance on Ebola Virus Disease](#).