

Public Health Updates Viral Hemorrhagic Fever (2026)

- Temporary federal border measures for Ebola disease caused by Bundibugyo virus are more stringent than Viral Hemorrhagic Fever disease contact management guidance in the Communicable Disease Control (CDC) Manual. This creates a need for direction on public health follow-up with quarantined individuals.
- Travellers from Ebola-affected areas will be assessed by a quarantine officer at the port of entry. Those without symptoms who meet border screening requirements may travel to their final destination, including Saskatchewan, to complete a 21-day quarantine from the date they entered Canada.
- Individuals are instructed to call their local public health authority if symptoms develop.
- Compliance with the Quarantine Act is under the authority of the federal government. For questions or concerns on quarantine requirements, public health can direct individuals to <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/ebola/border-measures.html> or advise individuals to review the traveler handout received at the border or call 1 800 O-Canada (1-800-622-6232).
- Federal follow-up with quarantined individuals is expected to occur once on day 8 or 9 of quarantine.
- Additional follow-up by local public health may be needed to support symptom identification and any psychosocial challenges due to quarantine.
 - Individuals may be eligible for Employment Insurance Benefits and can be directed to: <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei/ei-sickness/qualify.html>

Effective immediately:

- During the period of federal temporary border security measures, public health will contact quarantined individuals within 1 business day of notification of their return to Saskatchewan.
- Further follow-up will occur as follows:
 - **Category 1 (no probable exposure):** frequency and method will be based on public health risk assessment, including period for onset of illness (21 days from last potential exposure) and the likelihood that illness will develop. See Ebola disease public health guidelines for [contact risk assessment guidance](#).
 - **Category 2 (possible exposure):** minimum daily
- **Document in Panorama IOM as follows:**
 - Create a Contact Investigation. Disease = Viral Hemorrhagic Fever; Microorganism = Bundibugyo virus
 - The Data Collection Worksheet guides Panorama IOM documentation for Contact Investigations:
 - Classification
 - Asymptomatic no probable exposure (i.e. Category 1) = Contact-Not a contact
 - Asymptomatic possible exposure (i.e. Category 2) = Contact-Contact
 - Disposition = In progress
 - Risk Factors. Select Other Risk Factor (Add'l Info) and enter the client's submission ID (from federal line list)
 - Interventions
 - Acquisition Event
 - During initial and follow-up contact, assess for signs and symptoms of Ebola disease
 - If no symptoms at end of 21-day quarantine, within 1 business day:
 - Update Disposition = Complete
 - Investigation Status = Closed

If symptoms develop during quarantine:

- Immediately notify Ministry of Health via CDC@health.gov.sk.ca and copy OCHMO@health.gov.sk.ca
- Add Signs and Symptoms, enter date and select onset as appropriate
- Update Interventions
- Update classification based on Case Definition and complete notification as outlined in the [CDC Manual](#)