



VHF QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE FOR LGA RAPID RESPONSE TEAMS

BEFORE AN OUTBREAK

CASE MANAGEMENT

- Know the designated Isolation/treatment facilities within your LGA or State and keep contact details of focal person.
- Ensure that all facilities have holding areas for suspected cases of Viral Haemorrhagic Fevers (VHFs)
- Ensure case definitions are visibly pasted in all health facilities within your LGA.

INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL (IPC)

- Undergo Infection, Prevention and Control (IPC) training including evacuation and safe burial procedures.
- Plan and implement a step-down training/sensitization on IPC measures in communities and at health facilities within your LGA.

SURVEILLANCE

- Know standard case definition of Lassa Fever and other VHFs, highlighting the Probable Case status.
- Identify relevant CBOs, religious bodies etc. within your LGA and obtain and maintain contact details for possible collaboration.
- Enhance active surveillance including immediate reporting of suspected VHFs to State Epidemiologist.
- Identify community informants and train them on active surveillance and reporting.

DURING AN OUTBREAK

CASE MANAGEMENT

- Know that any suspected VHF case should be isolated immediately from the commwre the development of a triage system for early detection and management of potentially infectious patients at initial points of entry to the facility

INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL (IPC)

- Comply and adhere strictly to IPC policy, guidelines and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) when dealing with suspected cases or high risk contacts.
- Adhere to standard precautions for infection prevention and control and appropriate use of PPE when evacuating sick or dead bodies

SURVEILLANCE

- Inform the State Epidemiologist of any suspected VHF case.

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AFTER AN OUTBREAK

CASE MANAGEMENT

- Review plans and field experience and recommend best practices to the State
- Support and ensure the continuation of a triage system for early detection and management of potentially infectious patients at initial points of entry to the facility.

INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL (IPC)

- Review plans and field experience and recommend best practices to State
- Comply and adhere strictly to IPC policy, guidelines and SOPs when dealing with suspected cases or high risk contacts.

SURVEILLANCE

- Review plans and field experience and recommend best practices to State.
- Continue with active surveillance at the LGA for two complete incubation periods after the last contact with a confirmed case.