

MONTSERRAT STRATEGIC PLAN FOR EBOLA PREPAREDNESS

Phase: Ebola Epidemic on going – Montserrat not affected

Functional Area	Activity	Person/Agency Responsible	Supporting Personnel/Resources	Means of Verification/Status
Planning and Coordination	Apprise decision makers of the potential impact of and the need to prepare for Ebola	CMO	Surveillance Response Team	Report of meeting – Information paper sent to Cabinet – October 29, 2014
	Develop Operational Plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Communication/Public Awareness - Case identification & response - Public containment response - Port response 	Health Promotion Coordinator Epidemiologist PEHO PEHO	Surveillance Response Team, DHS, SCM, PAHO, Heads of Sections	Plans finalised and circulated – Draft updated November 27, 2014
	Prepare a list of supplies needed to respond to a local outbreak, with budget	CMO	Surveillance Response Team, HNM, DHS, SCM, Director DMCA	Budget submitted to PS Health – submitted to PS November 18, 2014
	Liaise with agencies/sectors for coordinated response to Ebola threat: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chief Immigration Officer - MUL (Water Division) - Manager of JAO Airport 	CMO PEHO PEHO	Environmental Health Officers, Public Health Nurse, Epidemiologist	Multi-sectoral involvement in response to threat Agreed activities documented in Operational Plans – Initial meetings held, decisions pending
	Review plans periodically	Epidemiologist	Surveillance Response Team	Report of review on file – Review scheduled for January 31, 2015

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Situation Monitoring & Surveillance	Assess the normal burden of undifferentiated fever in Montserrat via surveillance	Epidemiologist	Ministry of health staff involved in surveillance activities	Weekly & Four-weekly Surveillance Reports – Ongoing
	Strengthen national systems for communicable disease surveillance	Epidemiologist	Ministry of health staff involved in surveillance activities	Training Reports detailing material covered and list of attendees – Sessions conducted 24/9 and 1/10
	Ensure protocols are in place for early warning, alert and outbreak verification	Epidemiologist	Surveillance Response Team	Protocols completed and circulated Included in Operational Plan
	Train Surveillance Response Team in Ebola investigation, response and control	Epidemiologist	PAHO, CARPHA	Training report and list of attendees on file - Pending
	Review and agree protocols for sample collection and dispatch to CARPHA Laboratory	CMO	Physicians, Laboratory Staff, DHS, SCM, Courier staff	Agreed protocol included in Operational Plan – Staff member trained Nov 17 – 21, arrangement with Courier outstanding
	Develop Standard Operating Procedures for monitoring of persons entering at the ports	PEHO	Surveillance Response Team, Staff at Ports of Entry	SOP agreed and circulated – Draft completed, preliminary discussions held. Training pending
	Monitor regional and international surveillance activities related to Ebola	Epidemiologist	CARPHA, PAHO	Current data available – Ongoing

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Public Health Measures (Non-pharmaceutical)	Retrain/Train staff in proper use of PPE	Infection Control Committee	Infection Control Focal Point, DHS SCM, Heads of Sections	Training report on file including list of participants - Pending
	Calculate amount of protective personnel equipment (PPE) needed - for outbreak investigations - for use on the wards Identify sources for procurement of supplies	Epidemiologist	Heads of Section, Surveillance Response Team, International Guidelines	Required PPE included in Operational Plan – Included in Operational Plan FUNDING REQUIRED
	Identify and create a register of high risk groups	Epidemiologist	Surveillance Response Team, International Guidelines	Register included in Investigation Operational Plan - Complete
	Educate the public on measures to protect themselves against infection	CMO	Surveillance Response Team	Communications Strategy Implemented – Commenced , more work needs to be done
	Ensure that legal framework exists to address issues of population containment	CMO	Surveillance Response T	Existing Regulations circulated to relevant staff and noted in Operational Plans – discussions held with AG’s office, awaiting draft Ebola SRO
Public Health Measures (Pharmaceutical)	Estimate type and amounts of medication needed in the event of a case or outbreak	Physician Specialist	Physicians, International Guidelines	Estimates included in Operational Plan – In progress
	Assess present stocks of identified medication	Senior Pharmacist	Pharmacist	Pharmacy Bin Cards - Ongoing

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Health Systems Response	Review WHO recommended guidelines for the management of Ebola patients <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adopt all applicable recommendations - make available to all relevant staff 	Physician Specialist	Medical Staff, International Guidelines	Adopted protocol included in Investigation & Treatment Operational Plan – 2 members of staff trained December 1 – 3, 2014. Planning meeting set for Dec 10.
	Identify physical infrastructure for isolating and treating suspected/confirmed cases: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At the hospital - At Ports of entry 	CMO	Physicians, DHS, SCM, PNO, HNM	Identified structure documented in Operational Plan – Building identified – repair needs being discussed.
Communication	Include Ebola information in the health promotion awareness programmes in media	Health Promotion Coordinator	Surveillance Response Team	Communication Strategy included in Operational Plan
	Develop Travel Advisory for the public	CMO	Surveillance Response Team	Advisory included in Communication Strategy
	Develop alert cards for use at port of entry	Epidemiologist	Surveillance Response Team	Cards prepared and ready for distribution –
	Adapt existing communication plan for use between sectors	CMO	Surveillance Response Team	Completed Communication Strategy included in Operational Plan

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	Samples sent to Reference Laboratory as per approved protocol	Senior Medical Technologist	Outbreak Investigation Team, Laboratory Staff	Reports documenting samples sent and results
Public Health Measures	Containment measures implemented where applicable - social distancing, isolation, quarantine,	CMO	PEHO	Situational Reports submitted
	Monitor and evaluate current public health measures, adapt as necessary	Surveillance Response Team	Other Heads of Sections	Situational Reports, attack rates
Case Management	Agreed procedures for patient management implemented	Physician Specialist	Health Team	Case notes
	Monitor and evaluate health response - adjust activities as needed - liaise with regional partners for advice and recommendations	Surveillance Response Team	PAHO, CARPHA	Attack rates, rate of hospital admission, case fatality rate
Communication	Accurate, information released to the public as necessary	CMO	Appointed Communication Focal Point	Documented press releases as per previously agreed strategy