



**PRESS RELEASE**

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For Immediate Release

**Salmonella Confirmed in Falaba Diarrheal Illness Cases**

Following up on reports of a cluster of severe diarrheal illnesses in Falaba District announced in a press release on March 24, 2024, health officials have confirmed the presence of Salmonella bacteria in stool samples from two patients.

**What this means:**

- Salmonella is a bacteria that can cause diarrhea, vomiting, and fever.
- More testing is underway to learn more about this outbreak.
- Health officials are urging residents to take steps to protect themselves.

**Public Health Advisory:**

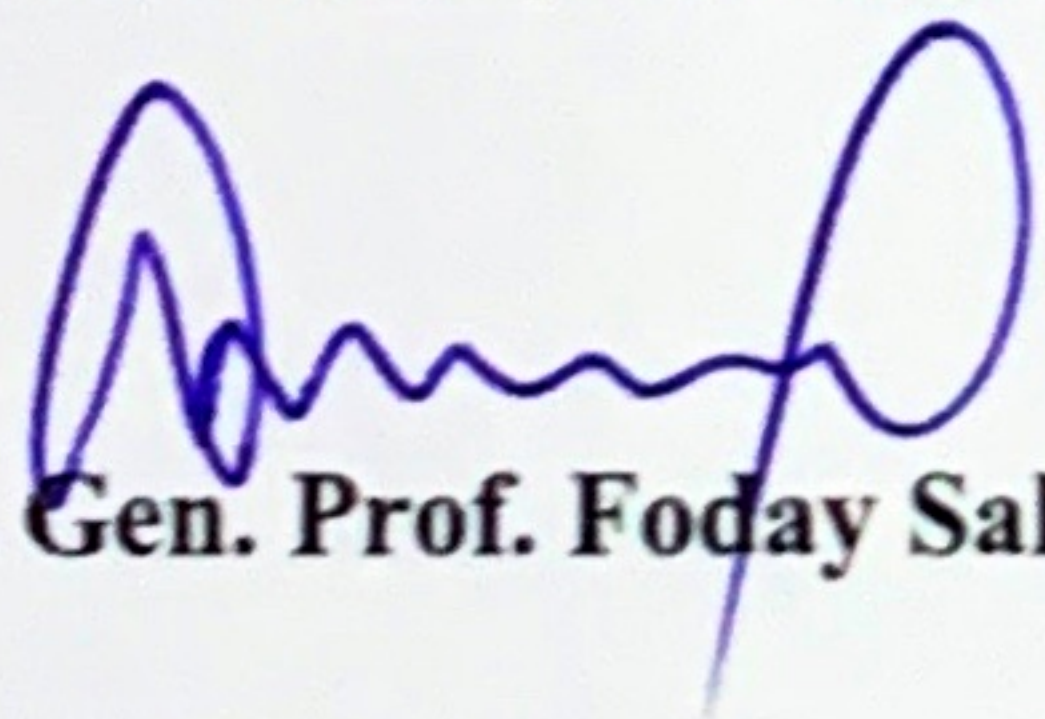
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water, especially around food, and practice good hygiene and sanitation.
- Visit the nearest health facility if you right away if you or your loved one experience severe diarrhea or vomiting.
- Report any unusual health concerns in your community by calling 117.

**Who is working on this?**

The National Public Health Agency (NPHA), the Ministry of Health, and other partners are working together to address this situation and protect public health.

**About the National Public Health Agency (NPHA):**

The NPHA is Sierra Leone's lead agency for preventing and controlling disease outbreaks. For more information about the NPHA, visit their website: <https://www.npha.gov.sl/>

  
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