

## GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY (NPHA)



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## **Public Notice**

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## Update on Suspected Viral Haemorrhagic Fever (VHF) Case

The National Public Health Agency (NPHA) and the Ministry of Health (MOH) are investigating a suspected case of Viral Haemorrhagic Fever (VHF) in Kono. A Rapid Response Team (RRT) was deployed early this morning, 30th November 2024, to assess the situation after the routine monitoring of a patient who recently passed away.

As part of the investigation, contacts of the deceased have been identified, and samples have been sent to the 34 Military Hospital Infectious Disease Laboratory for testing. Results are pending.

Routine investigations like these are an integral part of Sierra Leone's public health surveillance to ensure community safety. There is no immediate cause for concern. In the event of a confirmed VHF case, the NPHA and MOH are well-prepared to respond swiftly and effectively.

We encourage everyone to remain calm and follow updates from official channels for accurate information.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

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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