

DISEASE TRANSMISSION PREVENTION OPERATING PROCEDURES

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FSS Group Standard Operating Procedures

FSS operated continuously throughout the EBOLA epidemic which affected west Africa between 2013 - 2016, where we provided direct service to frontline healthcare workers and NGO's tackling the epidemic, including EBOLA isolation and treatment centres. More recently FSS operations continued during the COVID-19 pandemic between 2020 - 2023. During both of these events no cases were contracted in clients whilst under our care, so we are well versed at dealing with these challenges.

Mpox is transmitted through close contact with someone who has mpox, with contaminated materials, or with infected animals. FSS has implemented the following procedures to minimise the risk of client infection;

Equipment Protocols

1. Vehicles are sanitised at the start and end of each day
2. Equipment sanitised at the start and end of each day / before and after being used by another team member
3. Team members regularly sanitise and wash hands whilst on duty
4. Team members are required to wash clothes with detergent after each day and report for duty in clean clothes

Client Interaction

5. Team members avoid unnecessary contact with clients - team sit in front of vehicle / clients in the back and have no direct physical contact. Keep distance where possible.
6. Food / Drink / personal Items are not shared between team members or between team/client
7. If preferred by client - team members will be required to wear medical face masks whilst on duty

Illness Response

8. Any team members experiencing illness report to the local medical centre for testing
9. Team members do not report for duty if experiencing symptoms of illness and remain at home until testing results return and fully recovered
10. Team members are encouraged to get the JYNNEOS vaccine which is recommended by the CDC for prevention of mpox, FSS will fund this

Employee Education

11. Team members receive guidance on cleanliness and personal hygiene
12. Team members receive guidance on preventing the spread of infectious disease and recognised protocols of the WHO / CDC
13. Team members receive guidance on food hygiene / preparation / cooking / storage and recommended to avoid consuming 'bush meat'
14. Team members receive guidance on avoiding contact with stray / wild animals and raw hides / animal parts