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This is to inform all Airport Stakeholders (i.e. Employees, Airlines, Vendors, and other Users) that given the recent outbreak of the Ebola virus in the country, the Board of Directors of the Liberia Airport Authority (LAA) is implementing the following safety measures/procedures effective immediately at the various airport facilities within the Republic of Liberia:

(A) The following measures are mandatory for Airport Employees:

- Wearing of Rubber Gloves;
- Usage of alcohol based Hand Sanitizer;
- Usage of Rubber Gloves, Aprons and Surgical masks for cleaning staff;
- Screening/Testing for the Ebola Virus (as required by the Ministry of Health (MoHSW));
 - Monitoring of Body Temperature;

(B) The following measures are mandatory for ALL Travelers:

Outbound Passengers:

- Screening for the Ebola Virus (as required by the MoHSW)
 - Signs;
 - Symptoms;
 - Temperature;
 - Other
- Respond to Healthcare Questionnaire (present passport for verification)

Inbound Passengers:

- Random screening for the Ebola Virus
- Respond to Health Care Questionnaire (present passport for verification)

The following additional safety measures shall be implemented:

- Sanitize ALL general areas after each movement or every hour (using Chlorine solution);
 - Counters
 - Doors
 - Restrooms
 - Buses/Vehicles
 - Other
- Post Ebola-related informational materials at all Airports;
- Dispose of all waste in approved bins/barrels for proper safe disposal (in collaboration with MoHSW);
- Provide Ebola awareness training sessions (in collaboration with MoHSW);
- Maintain stringent Access Control procedures;
 - Restrict Access Passes issued to escorts, etc.
 - Provide access to the Airport terminal and immediate areas to passengers and those with Official business at the Airports
- Post emergency phone numbers in clearly visible locations;
 - Maintain emergency call list
- Increase/strengthen law enforcement/airlines partnership

(C) Surveillance/Monitoring:

- Obtain a daily Travel Manifest from all Airlines
- Maintain Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) surveillance/monitoring on all travelers/suspected cases;
- Travelers with a fever grade higher than 37.5 degrees Celsius will be denied travel/entry;
- Travelers with a fever that exceeds the normal range will be quarantined and investigated

(D) Staff Code of Conduct:

- Employees who come in contact with a confirmed Ebola case must not report to work for 21 days;
 - Inform management of exposure;
 - Obtain a health clearance letter from the MoHSW before returning to work
- All employees must closely monitor each other/travelers for signs & symptoms (strengthen prevention controls and prevent spreading);
- Establish a surveillance team

(E) Response (Medical Personnel):

- When a suspected Ebola case is identified (maintain patient log book in quarantine area);
 - Medical personnel must be the first responder
 - Conduct screening
 - Isolate patient
 - Conduct investigation
 - Refer patient to Medical Team
 - Patient must be transported to the nearest Ebola Treatment Center

(F) Luggage Handling of Transported Patients (Medical Personnel):

- Luggage of confirmed cases must be located and isolated;
- Obtain patient's consent to notify personal contact in Monrovia;
- Contact immediate family member via telephone;
- Notify family member that patient is being transported (provide location information);
- Arrange to have family members retrieve luggage (medical personnel must grant approval/clearance)

(G) Communication (Privacy/Confidentiality):

- A patient's health information is subject to privacy rights (must be handled confidentially);
- Travelers/employees being quarantined, investigation must be conducted quietly and professionally (avoid stigma & panic)

(H) Airlines Notification (LAA):

- For all patients who have tested positive for the virus and are being transported to an Ebola Treatment Center;

- **Notify affected Airline immediately (will need to conduct passenger tracing/monitoring for 21 days);**
- **Provide Airlines any/all relevant information (e.g., family members/others accompanying patient)**

All airport stakeholders are advised to comply with the aforementioned procedures. Any failure will lead to immediate denial of entry to the Airport and its facilities.

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