

Monkeypox preparedness and awareness in South Africa



**Port Health Readiness
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INTRODUCTION



- Port Health Service has mandate of preventing, protecting and providing public health response by monitoring the Points of Entry (PoE).
- The service is defined as the first line of defense to protect the citizens of RSA against the health risks associated with cross-border movement of people, conveyances, imported cargo.
- Port health services are provided in South African ports of entry incl. air, sea and land ports of entry by Environmental Health Practitioners (Port Health Officers) supported by other health officials incl. Nurses.
- Port health is responsible for early detection of suspect cases through implementation of Multi-layered screening measures and response interventions to any suspect case.

VIEW OF PORTS OF ENTRY



- Ports of Entry: 72
- Port Health services in 36 Ports of Entry, which include all international Airport, Harbours and Land border



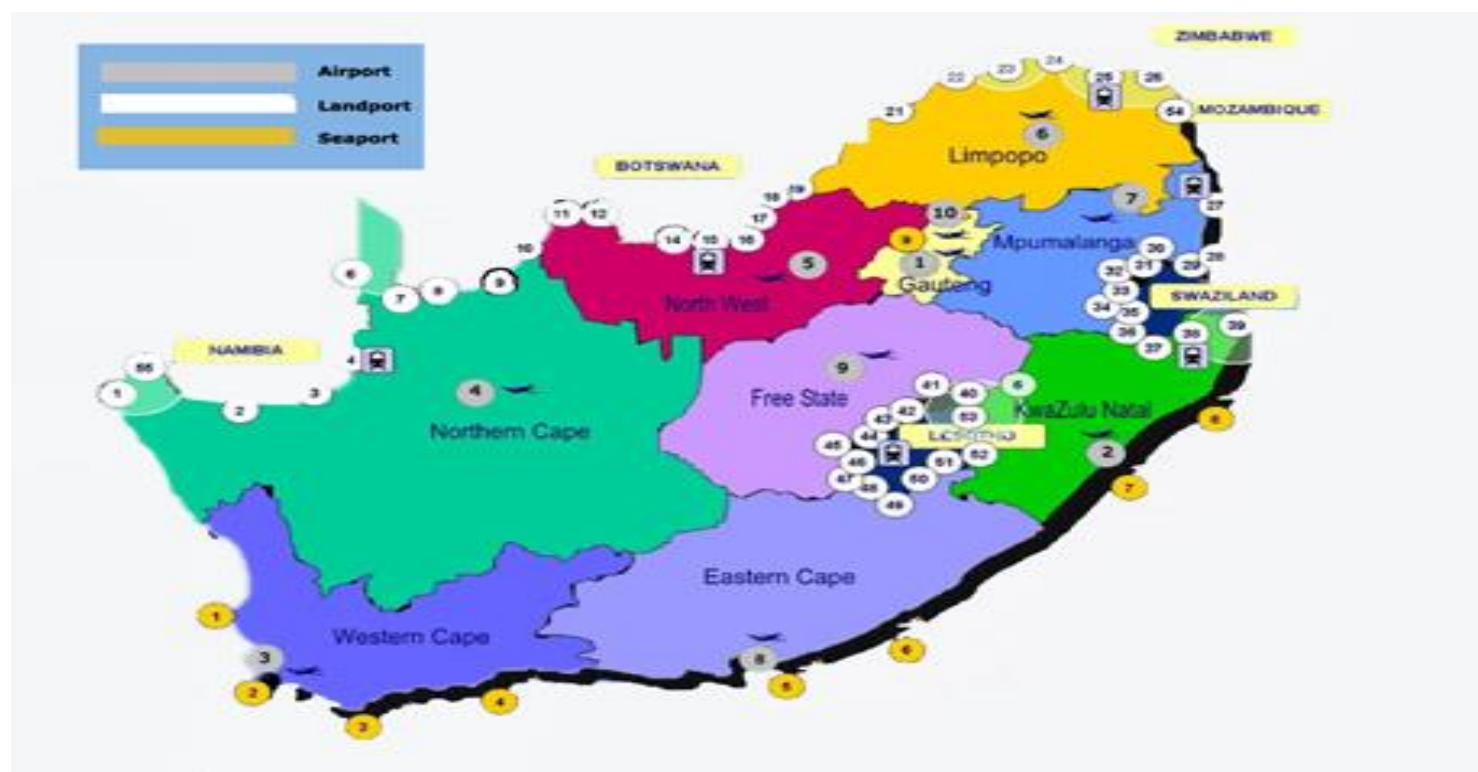
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MULTI-LAYERED SCREENING AND RESPONSE



Active surveillance and screening for travellers entering and exiting the ports of entry.



Monitoring arriving conveyances in line With IHR requirements

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| Primary Person | |
| First & Last | |
| Date of Birth | |
| Gender | |
| Address | |
| City & State | |
| Zip Code | |
| Phone Number | |
| Mobile Phone Number (if different) | |
| Email Address | |
| Social Security Number | |
| Other Contact Number (Billing Number) | |
| Physical Address (if different from above) Use the last of the three: 1. Street Address 2. Apartment Number 3. Name of Neighborhood or Community in the past 14 days | |
| Are you currently employed? | |
| Number in a group | |
| If the Primary subscriber sees one or more of the following qualities please notify P&H subscriber services at 1-800-227-1111. Please check all that apply. You can also check with a doctor if: <input type="checkbox"/> You have been sick with a fever for 10 days or more. <input type="checkbox"/> You have been sick with a cold for 14 days or more. <input type="checkbox"/> You have been sick with a sore throat for 14 days or more. <input type="checkbox"/> You have been sick with a cough for 14 days or more. <input type="checkbox"/> You have been sick with diarrhea for 14 days or more. <input type="checkbox"/> You have been sick with vomiting for 14 days or more. All questions are anonymous and should be completed promptly so that we may advise you if and when medical attention is needed. | |
| Thank you for your time. To receive information, 100% vehicle coverage or to get an RICO license www.100percent.com This document is intended to help you decide | |

Completion and assessment of travel health questionnaire



Temperature screening to determine if they have an elevated temperature

PORt HEALTH RESPONSE READINESS



The declaration of COVID-19 as a PHEIC has resulted in the department enhancing port health services readiness at the ports of entry to assist managing various public health risks that arise as a result of international travel and trade:

- The Department has intensified screening measures at the ports of entry aimed at early detection and response of suspect travelers.
- The Department has procured additional thermal scanners to assist in screening of travelers
- Human resources capacity has been strengthened by appointment of Community Services EHPs
- Capacity Building trainings has been provided to officials on communicable disease control and responses
- In the last financial year 36 ports of entry were assessed on the implementation of IHR core capacities and action plans
- All Ports of entry have reviewed their public health contingency plans to cover gaps that have been identified during assessments and lesson learned from COVID-19 responses

CONCLUSION



- The Department has Communicated information on Monkey Pox together with the signs and symptoms that ports officials should be on the look out for.
- The officials at the port of entry have been requested to intensify screening measures and be on high alert for any suspect travelers
- All ports of entry have arrangements in place for transportation of sick travelers to the nearest health facilities
- Head office is continuously providing technical support to all PoE

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ke a leboga!

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siyabonqa!

ro livhuwa!

enKOSI!

thank you!

ke a leboha!

ndo livhuwa!

ngiyabonga!



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