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Declaration of the pandemic fever of Lassa in Guinea

Communication from the Minister of Health to the attention of the national and international community.

Dear compatriots,

At a time when the Guinean government is making commendable efforts for the double response to the Covid 19 pandemic and the Ebola pandemic in guinea, the country has just registered a fatal case of lassa fever in Yomou prefecture, during May 2021.

An investigation is under way in the villages concerned, and to date 30 contacts are identified and monitored.

The sample taken from the deceased index case is positive for the fever lassa after double confirmation by the laboratories of N'zerekore and that of the haemorrhagic fevers of Conakry.

In view of this situation and in accordance with the international health regulations, the ministry of health declares the pandemic of fever lassa in the prefecture of Yomou region of N'zerekore.

In response to this emergency, the Ministry of Health has taken urgent steps to (i)raise awareness among populations and health services about universal infection prevention and control measures, (ii)strengthening epidemiological surveillance and (iii) the management of suspected cases with ribavirin in health facilities identified for this purpose.

We appeal to the national community and international partners for assistance in to contain the evolution of this epidemic.

Conakry, 17 May 2021

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