

Temporary recommendations issued by WHO Director General, 22 MAY 2026



Affected countries

- **Cases/contacts not to travel** unless the travel is part of an appropriate medical evacuation.
- Implement **exit screening** at all PoEs.
- **Prevent cross-border movement of human remains of deceased cases**, unless authorized through bilateral arrangements.

Neighboring countries

- **Keep borders open** - no denial of entry to travellers and conveyances (e.g flights) arriving from countries with documented virus detection.
- Provide BVD related information to travelers, and **discourage travel to areas with documented virus detection**.
- **Strengthen detection and management and cross border information sharing**



All countries

- **No suspension of flights, and no denial of entry to travellers and conveyances** arriving, from areas where virus is circulating.
- Provide traveler with information regarding BVD particularly on risks, measures to minimize those risks including **discouraging travel to areas with documented BDBV detection**.
- Provide **incoming travelers**, at points of entry, with information about measures to take should they develop symptoms compatible with BVD within 21 days after arrival.

Public (Individual-Level) – what we know for travel?

? If you are travelling from areas where Bundibugyo virus is circulating

- ✓ Travel **only if you are completely well**.
- ✓ Expect **health screening** at departure.
- ✓ You may be asked to **share information** and monitor your health (21 days) after arrival.

? If you travel to areas with documented BDBV detection

Travel is **discouraged**, but if unavoidable:

- ✓ **Avoid contact** with people with symptoms of BVD or who may have died with BVD.
- ✓ Monitor your health for **21 days after travel** (sudden fever, headache, body aches, muscle pain, fatigue, loss of appetite, vomiting or diarrhoea).
- ✓ Seek care early if you feel unwell, and **mention your travel history**
- ✓ Stay reachable if contacted by health authorities

? If you are travelling to or living where Bundibugyo virus is NOT circulating

- ✓ Travel normally and stay informed — the **risk of transmission remains low**
- ✓ Stay informed through **official sources**

Public (Individual-Level) – what we know for travel?

? **Regardless of where you are travelling, protect yourself and others during travel**

✈ **During travel — protect yourself and others**

- ✓ Wash hands regularly (soap or hand sanitizer)
- ✓ If you feel unwell → **inform crew immediately**, and avoid close physical contact with other passengers
- ✓ Stay informed before, during, and after travel

🔍 **Key facts about Bundibugyo virus (BVD)**

✓ **How it spreads**

Person to person through **direct physical contact** with blood, secretions, organs or other body fluids of someone who is **actively sick or who has died from the disease**.

Can spread through **contaminated surface or items** (e.g. clothing, bedding)

✓ **When are people infectious?**

People can spread the virus **only after symptoms appear**