



# Ministry of Health

## PORT HEALTH SERVICES AT PORTS OF ENTRY/EXIT (POEs)

Port Health is a Division within the Department of Public Health that is mandated to **prevent** and **guard** against the introduction or spread of infectious diseases through our ports of entry/exit.

This mandate is implemented at designated **airports, maritime ports** and **land border crossings**.

Port Health Services are regulated by both:

- International Health Regulation (IHR 2005) and
- Public Health Act CAP 242 & 242 Laws of Kenya) that coordinate health services between countries.

### Vision

"A country free of imported infectious diseases and harmful conditions"

### Mission

"To prevent the spread of infectious diseases and other public health risks, while facilitating international trade and travel through a dynamic, responsive and sustainable port health service."

### Rallying Call

"Safeguarding our Borders for a Healthy Nation"

## **Objectives of Port Health Services at POEs**

- 1 Coordination and implementation of IHR 2005 and other related statutes and guidelines at all points of entry
- 2 Integrated disease surveillance and response: traveler/truckers health screening against communicable diseases and conditions, quarantine and referral of suspect cases, travel vaccinations and risk communication.
- 3 Provision of emergency medical services for travelers.
- 4 Control of disease causing vectors and vermin by inspecting, disinsecting, disinfecting, decontaminating of baggage, cargo, containers, conveyances, goods and premises.
- 5 Inspection and certification of exports/imports.
- 6 Ensuring coordinated rapid response to any Public Health Event of International Concern (PHEIC).
- 7 Ensuring that appropriate sanitation and hygiene is maintained at POEs including but not limited to waste management.
- 8 Multisector collaboration: coordination and information sharing between port health services and other agencies
- 9 Formulation of policies and guidelines on port health services

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