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# One dead, medics contract Marburg

**KAMPALA/KWEEN.** Health workers who treated a patient with a suspected Marburg virus, have since developed Marburg-like symptoms, the Minister of Health, Dr Jane Aceng, has said.

While giving an update on the Marburg outbreak in parts of Sebei sub-region yesterday, Dr Aceng said the number of cumulative cases currently stands at two: one confirmed and the other is a probable case.

“Blood samples have been taken off and sent to Uganda Virus Research Institute for testing. In the interim, these health workers have been isolated and are being monitored and coun-

selled by our experts,” she said.

According to Dr Aceng, by Monday, a total of 155 who came into contact with the victims, had been line-listed in Kapchorwa and Kween districts—109 in the district of Kween and 46 contacts in Kapchorwa.

In her remarks ahead of the Annual Global Health Security Agenda conference that starts today in Kampala, Dr Aceng said in Kween, 66 of the contacts have passed the mandatory 21 days of follow-up from the time of contact with the first probable case.

And the remaining 43 are still being followed up by the teams on the ground in Kapchorwa,

District. The other 22 contacts have also passed the mandatory 21 days of follow up from the time of contact with the first probable case and the remaining 24 are also still under surveillance.



**Two health workers who treated the confirmed case in Kapchorwa hospital have developed Marburg – like symptoms.”**

**DR JANE ACENG, MINISTER OF HEALTH**

Meanwhile, a six-year-old child died yesterday after succumbing to Marburg-like symptoms at Kapchorwa hospital.

He was later laid to rest by Marburg burial team at Ngoryomwet in Ngenge Sub-county, Kween District.

Four people were also yesterday isolated in Kapchorwa and Kween districts, according to Kapchorwa District health officer Alfred C. Mwanja. The other two people believed to have been exposed to the deadly virus, according to Mr Micheal Mwanje, the Kween chief administrative officer, have also been put under medical observation.

“We have taken samples of the two cases and we expect results from Uganda Research Virus Institute tomorrow,” said Mr Mwanja.