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Viral Haemorrhagic Fever

- **Applies to the Geographical Disease Risk Index (GDRI)**

Please change the entries for:

Nigeria, Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Senegal

Malaria	Yes All year in whole country
Malaria Risk Category	A
Trypanasoma Cruzi Risk	No
Sub Saharan Africa	Yes
West Nile Virus Risk	No
Chikungunya Virus Risk	Yes
Viral Haemorrhagic Fever Risk	Yes

- **Applies to all the Donor Selection Guidelines**

1. Affected Individual

Obligatory	Must not donate if: a) Infected b) Less than 12 months following recovery or from return to the UK if infection occurred in an endemic country
Discretionary	If more than 12 months following recovery, and if validated NAT test is negative accept

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2. Contact

Obligatory	Must not donate if: Less than 2 months from last contact with an affected individual or travel to an endemic country
Discretionary	If more than 2 months following from last contact, completion of investigations or return to the UK from endemic country, accept
See if Relevant	<u>The Geographical Disease Risk Index</u> for countries with a current endemic Viral Haemorrhagic Fever risk
Additional Information	These infections have very high death rates and there is evidence that the virus may persist for some time after recovery. Any affected individual who has recovered for more than 12 months and who has had subsequent contact with infected individuals or travelled to an endemic country must have 2 Contact guidance applied.
Reason for Change	Guidance has been added regarding contact with these infections

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