

Rwanda Development Board (RDB) has reassured travelers and investors that tourism and business activities in Rwanda are continuing normally despite a regional Ebola outbreak, saying no cases of the virus have been detected in the country.

In a statement issued following new preventive measures announced by the Ministry of Health, RDB said tourism, international conferences, business events and domestic travel remain fully operational while health surveillance has been strengthened nationwide.

“There are no Ebola cases in Rwanda, and strong measures have been implemented to protect citizens, visitors, residents and wildlife,” the agency said.

Authorities have intensified health screening at all border entry points and at Kigali International Airport to prevent the spread of the disease.

Under the new rules, foreign nationals who have visited or transited through Democratic Republic of the Congo within 30 days before arriving in Rwanda are barred from entering the country.

Rwandan citizens and foreign residents with valid permits will still be allowed to return, but those who recently traveled through the DRC will be required to undergo quarantine in accordance with public health regulations.

RDB said national parks, hotels, conference venues and other tourism facilities remain open while observing health and safety guidelines. The agency added that Rwanda has reinforced disease surveillance systems, including early detection and rapid response mechanisms.

Tourism remains one of Rwanda’s biggest foreign exchange earners. According to RDB, tourism revenues reached \$685 million in 2025, up from \$647 million in 2024, while visitor arrivals rose 9% to 1.49 million people.

Many visitors traveled to Volcanoes National Park, which is internationally known for mountain gorilla tourism.

Revenue generated from meetings, incentives, conferences and exhibitions increased to \$94.7 million in 2025 from \$84.8 million the previous year.

The Ebola strain currently circulating in the region, known as Bundibugyo, was first

detected in Ituri province in eastern Congo before spreading to Uganda.

Dr. Yvan Butera recently said Rwanda has not recorded any Ebola case but emphasized that preventive measures have already been deployed across the country's borders.