

Garden Route
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MEDIA STATEMENT FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE

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Foot-and-Mouth Disease Update 6: Garden Route District Municipality Multi-Agency Command Centre on 20 February 2026 at 14h00

*Joint Statement: Garden Route DM, Western Cape Government
and Agri Western Cape*

FMD STATS: GARDEN ROUTE

Affected municipal area:	Mossel Bay
Potential municipal area affected (test results pending):	George
FMD-affected farms (officially confirmed):	2
FMD-suspect site(s), pending test results:	4 (increased by two)
Number of farms vaccinated	36
FMD-Vaccines administered to date:	7 732 (increased with 1 279)
Livestock infected:	Cattle
Number of Vehicle Control Points around quarantined area:	9

GAZETTING, PERMITS AND EVENTS

A draft Government Gazette focussing on the control of movement of animals has been distributed to officials for comment before it will be gazetted for implementation. All indications are that this could be officially gazetted during next week.

FMD CARCASS DISPOSAL

The African Swine Fever (ASF) protocol will be applied for FMD Carcass Disposal, which means that carcasses will be buried on the affected farms in accordance with prescribed biosecurity measures.

Details will be published soon on the GRDM website soon.

STATE VETERINARIAN FEEDBACK

Latest Test Results

The Western Cape Provincial Government (WCG) Local State Veterinarian, Dr Leana Janse van Rensburg, has not received confirmation about the four test samples sent for FMD tests (one for George and three for Hartenbos).

An additional sixteen Animal Health Technicians will be contracted to provide operational support in the Garden Route.

Free-roaming livestock vaccination schedule:

* KwaNonqaba (20 and 21 February 2026)

WESTERN CAPE VACCINATION PRIORITIES

Phase 1: Infected herd and others within a 3km radius of an index farm (if lesions are found outside 3km, expand to 10km).

Phase 2: Commonage and informal area livestock.

Phase 3: High-risk herds (farms close to free-roaming cattle, close to abattoirs and where there is a lot of movement, etc.).

Phase 4: Dairy herds.

Phase 5: Beef herds.

FMD RESOURCES

All FMD resources, including updates, are uploaded here:

<https://www.gardenroute.gov.za/document-category/foot-and-mouth-disease/>

Western Cape Department of Agriculture updates, are uploaded here:

<https://www.elsenburg.com/foot-and-mouth-disease-fmd-outbreak-information/>

FMD Hotline Number: 080 928 4102 (Press 1 for FMD)

The next update will be published by 24 February 2026.

REPORT SUSPECT SITES

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