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MEDIA STATEMENT FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE

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Foot-and-Mouth Disease Update 13: Garden Route District Municipality Multi-Agency Command Centre on 24 March 2026 at 14h30

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

FMD STATS: GARDEN ROUTE

Affected municipal area:	Mossel Bay
FMD-affected farms (officially confirmed):	7 (no increase)
FMD-suspect site(s), pending test results:	2 (decreased with 3)
FMD-tests returned negative:	16
Number of farms vaccinated:	161 (Increased with 50)
FMD-Vaccines administered to date:	39 404 (Increased with 21 174)
Livestock infected:	Cattle
Number of Vehicle Control Points around quarantined area:	7 static and 4 roaming

Gerhard Otto, Head of Disaster Management at GRDM, says just over 34% of cattle in the region have been vaccinated.

An abattoir in the Garden Route has applied for a licence to slaughter livestock infected with FMD. Approval will be granted once all regulatory requirements have been as per the Animal Diseases Act (Act No. 35 of 1984) and the National Environmental Management: Waste Act to prevent the spread of the virus.

Latest Test Results: Garden Route

The Western Cape Government (WCG) Local State Veterinarian, Dr Leana Janse van Rensburg drove to the Provincial Veterinary Laboratory (PVL) in Stellenbosch to collect a further 4 000 doses of FMD vaccines today.

The second round of FMD booster vaccines are currently being rolled out in the Mossel Bay area.

CLOSURE OF ROADS: APPLICATIONS AND ROADS CLOSED FOR TRAFFIC

Applications for the closure of Western Cape Provincial Roads must be directed to Gerhard Otto, gotto@gardenroute.gov.za. Residents will be able to access these roads, but not other motorists or cyclists.

Role players involved in approving these applications, include the GRDM Disaster Management Centre, Western Cape Provincial Government Roads Engineer, the South African Police Service and the affected local municipality law enforcement.

WESTERN CAPE VACCINATION PRIORITIES

It is important to note that when an animal is vaccinated and exposed to FMD, it gets less sick, shows milder clinical signs (fewer sores, less lameness), and they recover faster.

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://tinyurl.com/32u2avdt>

WCG Department of Agriculture updates, are uploaded here: <https://tinyurl.com/3nt3bn2e>

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

National Dept. Agriculture: 0860 246 640

The next update will be published by 5 March 2026

REPORT SUSPECT SITES

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