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MEDIA STATEMENT FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE

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Foot-and-Mouth Disease Update 16: Garden Route District Municipality Multi-Agency Command Centre on 14 April 2026 at 14h00

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:	1 (still awaiting results)
FMD-tests returned negative:	25 (increased with 8)
Number of farms vaccinated:	212 (Increased with 15)
FMD-Vaccines administered to date:	46 075 (Increased with 999)
Livestock infected:	Cattle
Number of Vehicle Control Points around quarantined area:	7 static and 4 roaming

1. As of last week, 31% cattle in the Garden Route have been vaccinated.
2. The Garden Route is home to 141 850 cattle.
3. There are 29 private veterinarians registered in the Western Cape to administer FMD vaccines.
4. Of the vaccines received for the Western Cape, 15 000 will be allocated to the Garden Route.
5. The one abattoir that followed the process to be approved for slaughtering of FMD positive animals, withdrew from the process as it is not economically viable.
6. The only Local Municipal area affected by the FMD outbreak remains Mossel Bay and to date all suspect farms could be traced back to the index farm in the Hartenbos 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.

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

REPORT SUSPECT SITES

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