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**PRESS RELEASE**

**CHOLERA ALERT TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

Cholera is one of the diseases of national concern because of the potential it has to cause outbreaks and major epidemics. As the rains have started to set in at certain locations of the country and will be getting to the peak season very soon, with the attendant and other existing prevailing risk factors, the risk for cholera outbreaks is very high.

This correspondence is to inform the general public to be cautious and to do their best to prevent and protect against cholera. Cholera is a preventable disease provided that safe water is made available and proper sanitation practices are adhered to.

Signs and symptoms of Cholera are frequent diarrhoea with or without vomiting. Cholera spreads when faeces and / or vomitus of infected person contaminates the water or food of another person and it is swallowed. Cholera can be prevented by improved environmental sanitation, personal hygiene and drinking safe water. Frequent handwashing with soap under running water is also recommended. People with suspected cholera should report to the nearest health facility without delay. Please note that early reporting saves lives.

We would be very grateful if you could use your medium to educate the general public on the disease with the attached information. Attached are key facts on cholera.

We count on your usual support.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Nsiah-Asare', is written over the typed name.

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