




France: Imported case of Ebola linked to outbreak in Congo (DRC), monitor developments

OVERVIEW

 Level:	Advisory
 Location:	France
 Category:	Ebola

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A doctor who was working in the Ebola-affected area of Congo (DRC) has been confirmed infected with Ebola. They are receiving treatment in a specialist facility under strict isolation protocols. Ebola is spread by contact with the blood or other bodily fluids (including vomit and diarrhoea) of infected or dead people. Healthcare workers, household members and people participating in traditional funeral practices (touching the body) are at high risk. International SOS is monitoring the situation closely. There is no risk to the general public.

ADVICE

Monitor the situation, including this alert.

Pay strict attention to hygiene.

Do not travel if you are sick.

If you require medical attention while in France, call International SOS and we will direct you to a suitable facility.

MORE DETAIL

The Ministry of Health advises that the individual was isolated on arrival in France and promptly transferred to a designated hospital with an appropriate infectious disease isolation unit. The person is currently stable.

Authorities are identifying and managing all contacts, who are required to self-isolate in their homes for 21 days.

All aid workers returning to France are monitored through a dedicated system.

What is Ebola virus disease?

Ebola is a potentially severe illness, which kills about 50% of those infected. Wild animals initially spread the virus to humans. Once humans are infected, they can spread the disease to others and large outbreaks can occur. Ebola is present in the blood and body fluids of the infected person. It spreads when someone has contact with these fluids, which may happen when caring for a sick person or through certain funeral practices such as communal washing of the body. This is how household members, friends and healthcare workers are exposed to the virus.

Symptoms develop between 2 and 21 days after someone is exposed to infected bodily fluids. Initial symptoms are sudden fever, weakness, muscle pain, headache and sore throat. Vomiting, diarrhoea, rash and abdominal pain follow in most cases. Some people progress to organ failure and bleeding, both internally and externally, which leads to death.

Supportive treatment (such as intravenous fluids and managing secondary infections) increase a person's chance of survival, especially if medical care is given early in the illness. Ebola outbreaks are controlled through public health measures, such as isolating and treating infected people promptly, monitoring contacts for symptoms and isolating them immediately if they develop, strict handling of infectious materials, and safe burials. Vaccination is available and used in outbreak response.

Ebola can also be transmitted by survivors of the disease through unprotected sexual contact.

For more information:

See the News on the [Global Health Threats website](#).
See the International SOS Location Guide on France.
Contact any International SOS Assistance Centre.

ASSESSMENT

Contacts of the affected individual prior to their isolation are being identified and contacted. They will be required to undergo home-isolation for 21 days with close monitoring.

MANAGER ADVICE

Ensure your travellers (and other employees if relevant) are aware of:

Regional health threats including

Ebola.

What to do if they get sick during and after travel.

For organisations operating in France:

- Monitor the situation, including through the International SOS medical alert on the [location guides](#) and app, and the News on the [Global Health Threats website](#).
- Ensure your staff are aware of the current situation, screening measures, measures to prevent infection, and what to do and who to contact if they are sick.

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