

WEST AFRICA

Ebola Outbreak



Likely host = bats

The 2014 Ebola epidemic is the largest in history and is affecting multiple countries.

1 in 2

people who get Ebola in this outbreak have died.

How do you get the Ebola virus?

Direct contact with

- 1 Body fluids of a person who is sick with or has died from Ebola.** (blood, vomit, pee, poop, sweat, semen, spit, other fluids)
- 2 Objects contaminated with the virus** (needles, medical equipment)
- 3 Infected animals** (by contact with blood or fluids or infected meat)

Early Symptoms

Ebola can only be spread to others after symptoms begin. Symptoms can appear from 2 to 21 days after exposure.

- **Fever**
- **Headache**
- **Diarrhea**
- **Vomiting**
- **Stomach pain**
- **Unexplained bleeding or bruising**
- **Muscle pain**

When is someone able to spread the disease to others?

Ebola only spreads when people are sick.

A patient must have symptoms to spread the disease to others.



After 21 days, if an exposed person does not develop symptoms, they will not become sick with Ebola.

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