



How Ebola is Spread

How is Ebola spread? The Ebola virus can be passed on to others by direct and unprotected handling or touching of an infected person's drops of blood, urine, or other body fluids. It does not travel through the air like flu viruses do.

What are the symptoms of the Ebola virus? Symptoms can include a fever higher than 101.5°F or 38.6°C, as well as a severe headache, joint and muscle aches, vomiting, diarrhea, stomach pain, or unexplained bleeding or bruising. The first signs of Ebola can appear 2 to 21 days after a person has been exposed to the virus.

Who is most at risk of getting the virus?

People who have unprotected contact with blood or other body fluids of a patient known to have or suspected to have the Ebola virus.

People who live in or have traveled to an area where there is a virus outbreak (currently, the West African nations of Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone).

People who have handled infected animals like bats or non-human primates from areas where the virus is present.

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