



About Ebola

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has noted that an Ebola outbreak in the U.S. is not likely. This is due to the strength of the U.S. healthcare system.

What is Ebola?

Ebola is a rare and deadly disease caused by infection with one of the Ebola virus strains. Ebola can cause disease in humans and monkeys, gorillas, and chimpanzees.

Symptoms of Ebola include

- Fever
- Severe headache
- Muscle pain
- Weakness
- Tiredness
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Stomach pain
- Unexplained bleeding or bruising

Symptoms may appear anywhere from 2 to 21 days after contact with Ebola, but the average is 8 to 10 days.

The CDC has provided the information below about Ebola. This can help you learn more about it. It can help you learn how to protect yourself.

Signs and symptoms

Symptoms may appear 2 to 21 days after being in contact with Ebola. The response to the virus varies. It depends on the person's health. People who get better from it get antibodies. These last for at least 10 years. They help the body fight the virus if they come in contact again. Learn more about the signs and symptoms: www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/symptoms/index.html.

How it spreads

Ebola is spread through direct contact with the blood or body fluids of a person who has it. It is not spread through the air. Learn more about how it is spread: www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/transmission/index.html.

Prevention

You can protect yourself from viruses like Ebola. One way is by washing your hands often. Or using hand sanitizer. Areas of contact with any virus should be cleaned as well. Learn more about prevention: www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/prevention/index.html.

Questions and answers from the CDC

Some things you hear about Ebola may not be true. This may cause concern. Be sure to get your news from a trusted source. Or from the CDC: www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/outbreaks/2014-west-africa/qa.html.

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