



Situation Report from Region VII's Regional Emerging Special Pathogens Treatment Center

Ebola caused by Sudan Virus - Uganda

In a press conference on October 26, Uganda's health minister, Jane Ruth Aceng Ocerro, MBChB, MPH, reported 109 confirmed cases of Ebola, 20 probable cases of Ebola, (129 total cases) and 30 deaths. Of those who died, 13 were health care workers. Of note, 34 individuals have been treated and recovered, and an additional 45 are in treatment.



Entry screening for U.S.-bound travelers from Uganda: Currently, about 140 people per day enter the U.S. from Uganda. The U.S. has not restricted travel from Uganda at this time. The U.S. is implementing health screenings upon entrance at five domestic airports – Chicago O’Hare, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta, John F. Kennedy (NY), Newark Liberty and Washington Dulles – for travelers who have visited Uganda within the last 21 days. CDC is also offering follow-up consultations with travelers being performed by local health departments. Entry screenings for Ebola when entering the U.S. and exit screenings from the infected country are standard public health practices, together with patient isolation and contact tracing.

Deploying staff to assist with response: CDC has deployed roughly 30 staff from its country office in Uganda and headquarters in Atlanta to assist with the epidemiologic investigation, case recognitions, communications, laboratory capacity, and more. [The U.S. Response to Ebola Outbreaks in Uganda | CDC Online Newsroom | CDC](#)

If you have any, questions, need assistance, or have an education request please email the RESPTC at nbu@nebraskamed.com



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Health Care Facility Special Pathogen Preparedness Checklist- [Ebola Checklist for Health Care Facilities | NETEC](#)

In response to this serious situation, NETEC developed the Health Care Facility Special Pathogen Checklist as a VHF planning tool for all health care facilities to assess their readiness to identify, isolate, inform, and provide initial treatment for patients suspected or confirmed to have a VHF. This checklist is intended to guide facilities through a review of their immediate care capabilities and provide resources to assist in the resolution of preparedness gaps it reveals.

NEW RESOURCE

IDENTIFY

Identify is the first step of the Identify, Isolate and Inform framework for health care facilities to quickly recognize and safely manage patients who have the potential to spread disease. Screening all patients upon entry to a facility for signs, symptoms, and epidemiological risk factors for VHF will facilitate early identification of a patient at risk for having the disease.

Identify Readiness Items			
#	Item	Status Yes or No	Notes
1.	Screening for symptoms and travel history occurs at all points of entry to the facility including those arriving by EMS.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Click here to enter facility notes.
2.	Signage is present at all points of entry into the health system to enable patients to self-identify if their symptoms are consistent with a VHF.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Click here to enter facility notes.
3.	Staff have received training on the identify process.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Click here to enter facility notes.

For a more in-depth assessment of your special pathogen program, we recommend requesting to complete the NETEC Special Pathogen Operational Readiness Self-Assessment ([SPORSA](#)).

Need assistance on identifying types and amounts of PPE?

Check out the [DISASTER AVAILABLE SUPPLIES IN HOSPITALS - DashTool](#)

Vaccine and Medical Countermeasures:

There is currently no FDA-licensed vaccine to protect against Sudan virus infection nor licensed medical countermeasure. Merck said on Tuesday it was planning to produce and donate investigational Sudan ebolavirus vaccine to a global non-profit organization’s research program in Uganda, which is facing an outbreak of the disease. The investigational vaccine that will be donated to IAVI is similar to Merck’s Ervebo vaccine, which is approved against the Zaire ebolavirus strain. [Merck to donate Ebola vaccine candidate for research program in Uganda | Reuters](#)



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Additional Resources:

Health Care Facility Special Pathogen Preparedness Checklist- [Ebola Checklist for Health Care Facilities | NETEC](#)

NETEC Town Hall: Preparing Frontline Health Care Workers for Ebola - [NETEC Town Hall: Preparing Frontline Health Care Workers for Ebola - YouTube](#)

How Frontline Health Care Workers Can Prepare for an Ebola – [Ebola Outbreaks · Ebola · NETEC Resource Library \(netecweb.org\)](#)

Laboratory Testing for Ebola - [Laboratory Testing for Ebola · NETEC Resource Library \(netecweb.org\)](#)

Therapeutics for Ebola virus disease - [Therapeutics for Ebola virus disease · NETEC Resource Library \(netecweb.org\)](#)

Disaster Available Supplies in Hospitals - [DISASTER AVAILABLE SUPPLIES IN HOSPITALS – DashTool](#)

EMS Infectious Disease Playbook - [EMS Infectious Disease Playbook · NETEC Resource Library \(netecweb.org\)](#)

PHSMA -Category A Waste Management - [Planning Guidance for Handling Category A Solid Waste | PHMSA \(dot.gov\)](#)

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