



HEALTH ADVISORY: OUTBREAK OF EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE (Sudan ebolavirus) IN CENTRAL UGANDA

Please see the attached Health Advisory from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding the recently confirmed outbreak of Ebola virus disease (EVD) in Uganda caused by Sudan virus (species Sudan ebolavirus) and which summarizes CDC's recommendations for clinicians, case identification and testing, and clinical laboratory biosafety considerations. Of note:

- An outbreak of Ebola virus disease (Sudan EVD) first reported September 20, 2022 is occurring in central Uganda
- As of October 6, 2022, a total of 44 confirmed cases, 10 confirmed deaths, and 20 probable deaths of EVD have been identified
- At this time, cases have been confined to Uganda; no cases have been reported outside of Uganda
- Persons traveling from Uganda by air will be redirected to five U.S. airports, including JFK. A health screening of each traveler will be done prior to exiting Uganda and upon arrival at JFK starting next week
- Healthcare providers who evaluate patients with symptoms of EVD such as fever, headache, muscle and joint pain, fatigue, loss of appetite, gastrointestinal symptoms, and unexplained bleeding should be prompted to take a travel history (<https://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/symptoms/index.html>)
- Healthcare providers should report any patients suspected of having EVD, and who report recent travel to affected areas in Uganda <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/alert/ebola-in-uganda>
 - NYC providers can call the Provider Access Line at 866-692-3641.
 - Providers outside of NYC can call their local health department using the phone number found here https://www.health.ny.gov/contact/contact_information/ . If you are unable to reach the LHD where the patient resides, please contact the NYSDOH Bureau of Communicable Disease Control at 518-473-4439 during business hours or 866-881-2809 evenings, weekends, and holidays.
- If the patient does not have a travel history to affected areas in Uganda, EVD is extremely unlikely and there is no need to call the Health Department. To stay up to date on the current affected areas, check the CDC website: <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/alert/ebola-in-uganda>

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