



National Public Health Institute of Liberia

Preventing and Controlling Public Health Threats

Liberia Heightens Preparedness and Surveillance Following Ebola Virus Disease Outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Uganda

Monrovia, Liberia – May 16, 2026: The National Public Health Institute of Liberia (NPHIL), in close collaboration with the Ministry of Health, and national wishes to inform the public that Liberia has heightened surveillance and is closely monitoring the Ebola virus disease (EVD) outbreak in Ituri, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), and an imported case in Uganda. As of the latest update, 246 suspected cases and 65 deaths have been documented.

About Ebola Virus Disease

Ebola virus disease is a severe and often fatal illness. It spreads through direct contact with the bodily fluids of an infected person, contaminated materials, or a person who has died from the disease. Early detection, prompt isolation and care, contact tracing, infection prevention and control, community engagement, and safe and dignified burials are critical to breaking and controlling transmission. Common symptoms include sudden onset of fever, severe weakness or fatigue, severe headache, vomiting, diarrhea, stomach pain, muscle pain, and unexplained bleeding.

Public Advisory

NPHIL and MOH urge all citizens, residents, travelers, community leaders, and health workers to remain calm but vigilant. The public is advised to:

- Avoid unnecessary travel to affected areas within the DRC and Uganda
- Avoid direct contact with the blood or bodily fluids of any person who is sick with or has died from unexplained illness
- Wash hands regularly with soap and clean water
- Avoid contact with blood and body fluids of sick individuals
- Avoid spreading unverified information and rely only on official public health updates
- Cooperate with health authorities during screening, surveillance, and response activities
- Avoid handling dead bodies without guidance from trained health authorities
- Immediately report suspected illnesses to the nearest health facility or county health team
- Seek immediate medical care or call the NPHIL's hotline 4455

The NPHIL and MOH continue to work closely with the County Health Teams, the Liberia One Health Coordination Platform, and Regional Public Health Authorities, including the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC), the West African Health Organization (WAHO), the World Health Organization (WHO), and other partners to monitor the evolving situation and strengthen national preparedness.

We remain committed to protecting the health and safety of the Liberian people through timely information sharing, coordinated preparedness actions, and evidence-based public health interventions.



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