

Update 9: Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo) - Continues to Face Double Epidemic Threat Amid Growing Cases of Ebola and COVID-19

- The Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) outbreak in western Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo) continues to rise along with geographical spread to new health areas
- The outbreak in Equateur started in early June, and has since spread to 12 of its 17 health zones
- World Health Organization (WHO) reported 118 cases, with 112 confirmed and six probable, 48 deaths and 52 recoveries in Mbandaka, Equateur province
- This current EVD outbreak is the 11th in DR Congo since 1976, which began in June 2020
- More than 25,000 people have been vaccinated against Ebola virus in Equateur since June, including many frontline health workers
- Additionally, DR Congo has reported 11 new COVID-19 cases with three deaths in the last 24 hours
- As of now, DR Congo reported 10,401 confirmed COVID-19 cases with 267 deaths (2.5% of total reported cases) and 9,817 recoveries (94.3% of total reported cases)
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments
- Please consult Ministry of Public Health (<http://www.minisanterdc.cd/>) for latest information on COVID-19, measles and Ebola in Democratic Republic of the Congo

Source(s)

<https://www.yenisafak.com/en/world/at-least-118-ebola-cases-detected-in-dr-congo-3549307>

<https://elitenews.co.ug/118-ebola-cases-detected-in-dr-congo/>

<https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/democratic-republic-of-the-congo/>

Targets Affected:

[Democratic Republic of the Congo \(DR Congo\)](#)

Guidance

Actions to consider:

- It is advisable that third parties or captive units fumigate their office premises often and regularly change stored water in tanks, coolers, and containers, if any
- Determine if all management teams in impacted areas are current on all government-designated guidelines and restrictions and are aware of possible misdiagnosis due to ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and Ebola outbreak concurrently
- It is advisable that third parties or captive units educate employees and conduct workshops to help increase awareness about the vector-borne diseases and its preventive measures
- SW Subscribers are advised to be aware of the compounding health risks and consequent impact on businesses due to increasing cases of COVID-19 and Ebola
- Consider implementing more detailed actions related to 'Increase in Positive Cases/Deaths' under the 'COVID-19: Actions to Consider' section below / next page

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Impact level Definitions

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Immediate	Certain - Supply Wisdom recommends considering prompt action. Examples of Immediate level alert events may include bankruptcy filings, data breaches, unexpected curfews, strikes, power black-outs, major geo-political events etc.
High	Highly likely to occur in the near term (within 3 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends being in a state of readiness to take quick action. Examples of High level alert events may include withdrawal of rating by ratings agencies, hostile takeover, multiple cyber-attacks, new business policies causing significant hardship etc.
Medium	Likely to occur in the mid-term (within 3 to 6 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends reviewing current mitigation steps and being ready to take proactive actions if and when situation deteriorates further. Examples of Medium level alert events may include unplanned C-level exits, suppliers caught in bribery cases, economy slipping into recession.
Low	Possible in the long-term (after 6 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends taking proactive action if situation does not resolve. Examples of Low level alert events may include lawsuits filed against suppliers, client losses, air pollution alerts issued by country's local authorities, unexpected holidays announced for the location etc.
Informational	The event is pertinent information but does not have a risk element associated with it. Examples of Info level alert events may include launch of new solutions, partnerships signed, industry outlook, positive changes in government policies, announcements regarding launch of software parks/ free trade zones/special economic zones etc.