

# Update 14: Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo) - Reports 18,248 Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Total; Scientist Warns of Disease X

- Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, predictions of 'Disease X' have also emerged where 'X' stands for 'unexpected' and has been labelled by the World Health Organisation (WHO) as hypothetical as of now
- The first case of the 'Disease X' is believed to be the woman in a remote town, Ingende in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo) who has been tested for many diseases including Ebola but doctors fear it could be a case of a mysterious disease, previously unknown
- The unique case from Ingende, DR Congo is reportedly the 'Patient Zero' of the 'Disease X'
- According to the WHO, Disease X is the possibility of an international epidemic that can spread from a pathogen that still remains novel to the humankind
- The disease has also been included in the list of priority disease by the medical experts while saying that it is essential for them to remain vigilant and fear a breakout of yet another pathogen
- While the doctors are still trying to identify the disease witnessed by the woman in DR Congo, she is allowed to meet her relatives reportedly through a clear plastic observation window
- Her two toddlers have also been tested but as of now, have no symptoms
- As of now, the country has reported 18,248 confirmed COVID-19 cases with 599 deaths, 3.3% of total reported cases and 14,723 recoveries, 80.7% of total reported cases
- When compared to the overall population of the country, confirmed COVID-19 cases and fatality rate stands at 0.020% and 0.001%, respectively
- 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 in Democratic Republic of the Congo

## Source(s)

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## Targets Affected:

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

## Category(s):

Geo-Political Risk

## Event:

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Incident(s)

## Guidance

### *Actions to consider:*

- Consider implementing suggested actions related to '[Increase in Positive Cases/Deaths](#)' under the '[COVID-19: Actions to Consider](#)' section below / next page

**Related Alerts**

**Dec. 17, 2020**

**High**

Update 13: Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo) - Government Plans to Impose Curfew Effective December 18, 2020 to Curb the Spread of Second Wave of COVID-19

**Nov. 19, 2020**

**Medium**

Update 12: Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo) - Declares End to Ebola Outbreak Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

**Nov. 6, 2020**

**Medium**

Update 11: Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo) - Partially Reopens Rwandan Border Crossing Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

**Oct. 19, 2020**

**Medium**

Update 10: Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo) - Total COVID-19 Cases Exceed 11,000; Ebola Outbreak Under Control

**Sept. 16, 2020**

**Immediate**

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

**Aug. 22, 2020**

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Update 8: Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo) - Faces Double Epidemic Threat Amid Growing Cases of Ebola and COVID-19

**Aug. 18, 2020**

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Update 7: Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo) - Reopens Non-Essential International Flights to Aid Economy Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

**Aug. 7, 2020**

**Immediate**

Update 6: Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo) - Faces Double Epidemic Threat Amid Growing Cases of Ebola and COVID-19

July 23, 2020

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Update 5: Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo) - Lifts State of Emergency Starting July 22, 2020 Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

July 9, 2020

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Update 4: Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo) - Faces Double Epidemic Threat Amid Growing Cases of Ebola and COVID-19

July 7, 2020

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Update 3: Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo) - Extends COVID-19 Lockdown for 15 Days

June 11, 2020

Medium

Update 2: Kinshasha, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo) - Certain Businesses Reopen Due to Violent Protest Against COVID-19 Restrictions

June 2, 2020

Immediate

Update 1: Mbandaka, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo) - Multiple Epidemic Threat as Ebola Cases Re-emerge Amid COVID-19 and Measles Outbreak

April 13, 2020

Immediate

Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo) - Ebola Outbreak

# Impact level Definitions

Impact Level	Definitions
Immediate	<b>Certain</b> - 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	<b>Highly likely to occur in the near term (within 3 months)</b> - 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	<b>Likely to occur in the mid-term (within 3 to 6 months)</b> - 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	<b>Possible in the long-term (after 6 months)</b> - 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.