

Update 15: Butembo, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo) - Detects New Case of Ebola Virus, Adding Further Challenges to COVID-19 Outbreak

- The Ministry of Health of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) announced that a new case of Ebola has been detected in Butembo, a city in North Kivu Province, where a previous outbreak was declared over in November 2020
- Approximately 70 contacts have been identified
- Disinfection of sites visited by patient is under place
- Samples from the confirmed Ebola patient have been sent to the National Institute of Biomedical Research's main laboratory to identify the strain of the Ebola and to determine its link to the previous outbreak
- On November 18, 2020, DRC authorities declared the end of the 11th Ebola outbreak in the country's northwestern Equateur province
- At least 130 people were infected and 55 died in the last outbreak, which took place in communities scattered across dense rainforests, as well as crowded urban areas, creating logistical challenges
- The DRC's 10th Ebola outbreak which lasted for nearly two years was the second largest in the world and by the time it ended there were 3,481 cases; 2,299 deaths; and 1,162 recoveries
- Response to the outbreak was particularly challenging due to insecurity that disrupted emergency efforts
- As of now, the country has reported 23,599 confirmed COVID-19 cases with 681 deaths, 0.29% of total reported cases and 15,113 recoveries, ~64% 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)

<https://reliefweb.int/report/democratic-republic-congo/resurgence-ebola-north-kivu-democratic-republic-congo>
<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/africa/ebola-resurfaces-in-eastern-democratic-republic-congo/2136963>
<https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/democratic-republic-of-the-congo/>

Targets Affected:

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

Category(s):

Geo-Political Risk

Event:

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Incident(s)

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
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.
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