

# WEST AFRICA

## Ebola Outbreak



**Likely host = bats**

**The 2014 Ebola epidemic** is the largest in history and is affecting multiple countries.

# 1 in 2

people who get Ebola in this outbreak have died.

## How do you get the Ebola virus?

Direct contact with

- 1** **Body fluids of a person who is sick with or has died from Ebola.** (blood, vomit, pee, poop, sweat, semen, spit, other fluids)
- 2** **Objects contaminated with the virus** (needles, medical equipment)
- 3** **Infected** fruit bats or primates (apes and monkeys)

## Early Symptoms

Ebola can only be spread to others after symptoms begin. Symptoms can appear from 2 to 21 days after exposure.

- **Fever**
- **Headache**
- **Diarrhea**
- **Vomiting**
- **Stomach pain**
- **Unexplained bleeding or bruising**
- **Muscle pain**

## When is someone able to spread the disease to others?

**Ebola only spreads when people are sick.**

A patient must have symptoms to spread the disease to others.



**After 21 days,** if an exposed person does not develop symptoms, they will not become sick with Ebola.

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