

## **New Ebola Outbreak in Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)**

**This article is for awareness only and no interventions in the US or Canada have been recommended at this time.** DRC Officials & the WHO have announced two cases of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD), both of whom have died, with well over 100 contacts identified and being surveilled, in the Province of North Kivu, DRC. The first case was the wife of an Ebola survivor from a previous outbreak (EVD can persist in body fluids for many months, even after testing negative) and the second case was a close contact of the first case.

This current outbreak is in the same area as the 10<sup>th</sup> Ebola Outbreak, the second largest on record, in North Kivu, South Kivu, and Ituri, lasting from 6/28/18 through 6/26/20. In between, the 11<sup>th</sup> outbreak occurred in the Western Province of Equateur from 6/1/20 through 11/18/20.

Teams have responded and Officials are looking at reopening an Ebola Treatment Hospital in North Kivu. Contact notification and surveillance is ongoing, preparations are being made to vaccinate health care personnel and ramp up operations. There are 400 doses, available in the Province, of two treatments known to be effective for EVD. One of those, Regeneron's monoclonal antibodies, first used in Ebola treatment, is now also successfully used for those with COVID-19 and at high risk for complications.

**WHO Reports on 1<sup>st</sup> Ebola Case with More Details Plus Resources & Plans:**  
<https://www.who.int/csr/don/10-february-2021-ebola-drc/en/>

**CIDRAP -- Documents 2<sup>nd</sup> Ebola Case & More Details on 1<sup>st</sup> Case in Eastern DRC:**  
<https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/news-perspective/2021/02/news-scan-feb-11-2021>