

Facts Sheet on EBOLA

Ebola is a severe, often fatal disease in humans and animals which currently has no significant risk to Belize.

First outbreak in 1976 in West Africa. Since then, outbreaks have occurred across the African continent.

Likely hosts include bats and other primates such as Monkeys, Chimpanzees and Gorillas.

In the most recent outbreak, countries seeing Ebola are: Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone.



TRANSMISSION

Direct contact with:

- Body fluids of a person who is sick or has died from Ebola
(Blood, vomit, urine, feaces, semen, other fluids)
- "Infected animals (blood, fluids or infected meat)



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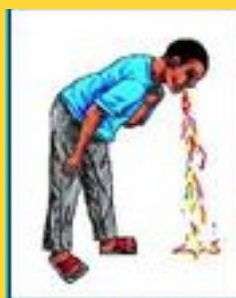
Persons coming in contact with a person infected with Ebola may take up to 21 days to show symptoms.

Ebola is only transmitted when the person has symptoms.

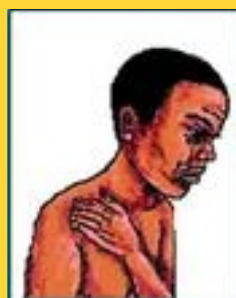
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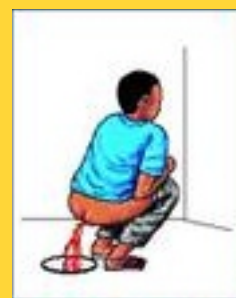
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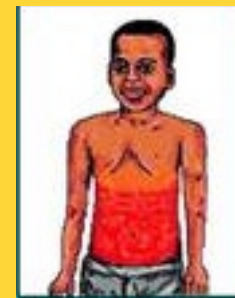
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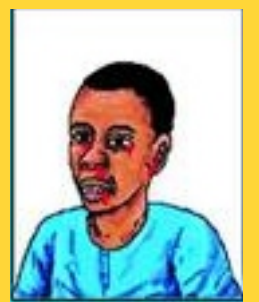
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DIARRHEA



STOMACH PAIN



UNEXPLAINED BLEEDING OR BRUISING

TREATMENT

Currently there is no specific vaccine or medicine for Ebola. Specific symptoms of Ebola are treated as they appear.

Persons of interest include anyone coming from where Ebola is present.

For More Information contact your nearest healthcare provider or the Ministry of Health at our hotline: 629 - 5604

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