

**Alabama Department of Public Health  
Alabama Emergency Response Technology (ALERT)  
Health Alert Network (HAN)**

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**Outbreak of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) in Central Uganda – Be Prepared to Identify, Isolate, and Inform**

On October 6, 2022, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued a Health Alert Network (HAN) message concerning an outbreak of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) in Central Uganda after the Ministry of Health of Uganda officially declared an outbreak of EVD due to Sudan virus (species Sudan ebolavirus) in Mubende District, Central Uganda (September 20, 2022). ADPH continues to follow updates and has been participating in calls with CDC, Emory's Serious Communicable Disease Program, and the National Emerging Special Pathogens Training and Education Center.

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) reminds all healthcare professionals to contribute to our state's response by being ready to detect a potentially infected patient; protect yourself, your colleagues, and other patients from exposure; and have a plan to respond with appropriate patient care.

<https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/cep/assets/hosptemplatesidfillable.pdf>

It is imperative Alabama healthcare providers promptly **identify** possible suspects by eliciting patient's travel history to Uganda and consider EVD in patients who present with fever, myalgia, severe headaches, abdominal pain and vomiting, diarrhea or unexplained bleeding and bruising.

<https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/cep/assets/adphchklistsidn.pdf>

<https://www.cdc.gov/vhf/abroad/assessing-vhf-returning-traveler.html>

In a patient whom a diagnosis of EVD is considered, the healthcare worker should immediately **isolate** the patient in a single room (with bathroom if available) and initiate standard infection control practices during evaluation and risk assessment. The healthcare worker should **inform** ADPH of any suspected EVD case(s) within 4 hours of suspected diagnosis by calling the Infectious Diseases & Outbreaks Division at 1-800-338-8374 and completing the online serious infectious diseases consultation form available at

<https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/cep/sidn.html>. Further guidance and possible arrangements for testing will be provided.

Although at this time the risk of a travel associated EVD case remains low in the United States, ADPH seeks to increase Alabama Healthcare Worker's awareness and provide updated guidance and information as received.

For more information about EVD and the current outbreak, please go to <https://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/outbreaks/index-2018.html>. The full CDC health alert is available here: <https://emergency.cdc.gov/han/2022/han00477.asp>.

Additional Resource: <https://netec.org/>

