

Ebola Awareness

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Ebola is caused by a virus.

- Causes a severe illness, with bleeding
- Up to 90% will die
- No vaccine, and no cure are available – BUT getting treatment at Ebola Centres EARLY increases the chance of recovery
- Many people can quickly become infected











Sick people can spread this disease to others

- People in direct contact with sick people are at highest risk:
 - Family members
 - Healthcare workers







Contact with **Dead bodies** can cause infection. BE CAREFUL

- DO NOT wash, touch or kiss dead bodies
- DO NOT wash hands in the same bucket as others who have touched the body



What does Ebola feel like?



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YOU CAN BECOME VERY SICK





MOST PEOPLE WITH EBOLA DIE



BUT SOME PEOPLE WILL RECOVER – GETTING HELP EARLY INCREASES THE CHANCE OF RECOVERY





How <u>NOT</u> to catch Ebola?



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YOU CAN CATCH EBOLA FROM SOMEONE WHO IS SICK OR DEAD



KEEP AWAY.....





Do not touch an infected person or their body fluids



Dead bodies carry the virus. Bury carefully. Keep away.







EBOLA is in animals and bats too. DO NOT touch or eat "bush meat" or bats







If you get sick



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GET HELP EARLY!

Call your medical centre and tell them about your illness

Listen to the advice. You may be sent to a special hospital

Keep away from others so they don't get sick

Be especially careful of your vomit and diarrhoea

Although there is no cure, getting treatment at Ebola Centres EARLY increases the chance of recovery