Regional health updates relating to the Ebola virus (as at 21 October 2026)

- The Democratic Republic of the Congo has an ongoing outbreak of Ebola virus (Bundibugyo strain; BVD), with over 9,000 confirmed cases.
- On 6 October 2026, the Ministry of Health of Kenya reported the first laboratory-confirmed imported case of BVD in Kenya. As at 20 October 2026, Kenya has recorded nine confirmed cases. All cases were already in quarantine when they fell ill and linked to the first case. The Ministry of Health of Kenya has confirmed that there is no evidence of community transmission, and the overall risk to the general public remains low. No national or international travel restrictions have been instituted by Kenya.
- On 20 October 2026, Nigeria confirmed its first case of BVD, relating to a person who recently travelled from Uganda. The patient remains in isolation and is receiving medical care as investigations continue to determine the likely source of infection and to reconstruct full travel and exposure history. The Nigerian health authorities have embarked on contact tracing and already identified at least 40 contacts who are now being monitored.
- There are no reported cases of BVD recorded in Rwanda.
- Uganda ended its outbreak in August 2026, with the last confirmed patient being discharged on 16 July 2026.

The WHO has not recommended any restrictions regarding travel and trade with affected countries.

The latest update from WHO Africa on Ebola can be found on: https://afro.who.int/.

Information on travel restrictions relating to Ebola can be found on this page: https://www.iatatravelcentre.com/international-travel-document-news/1779263658.htm, which is updated on a regular basis.

The Secretariat and host country authorities continue to closely monitor the situation and will provide further updates as necessary.