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CASE REPORT: According to [WHO on 18 NOV](#), between 9 NOV and 15 NOV there were no new Ebola virus disease (EVD) cases in Guinea. All contacts have been released from follow-up. The last case, a newborn child whose mother died of the disease, tested negative for the virus on 16 NOV starting Guinea's 42-day countdown to becoming Ebola transmission-free. WHO declared Sierra Leone Ebola transmission-free on 7 NOV after 42 days had passed with no new cases. Sierra Leone and Liberia are in a 90-day period of heightened surveillance. Liberia was declared Ebola transmission-free on 3 SEP.

As of 15 NOV, there have been 28,634 (-1) confirmed, suspected, and probable cases (11,314 deaths) in Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Italy, Senegal, Nigeria, United Kingdom, Spain, Mali, and the United States. WHO considers the West Africa epidemic to be in a [phase 3 response](#), which implements specific actions to achieve and maintain zero virus transmission.

[According to WHO](#), a growing volume of data from clinical observation and testing of recovered EVD patients indicates that the Ebola virus can persist at various sites in the body for many months in some people. [CDC](#) has posted information on persistent medical conditions after recovery from EVD. A [study](#) published on 27 OCT in the journal Emerging Infectious Disease reported a single case of late-onset encephalitis and polyarthritis associated with persistent Ebola virus infection in a patient in Sierra Leone whose serum had tested Ebola virus negative by PCR.

On 1 OCT, WHO's seventh [Emergency Committee meeting](#) on the EVD outbreak agreed that the outbreak continued to constitute a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) and proposed new temporary recommendations that would supersede those previously issued.

DoD RESPONSE: On 10 AUG, the Deputy Secretary of Defense signed a [memorandum](#) declaring that DoD needs to maintain the capability to operate in an infectious disease environment in the future. The memorandum extends for at least one year following the 30 JUN 2015 end of OUA selected DoD policies and EVD-related responsibilities, including those related to health surveillance, personal protective equipment, medical treatment for deployed DoD personnel, and transport of exposed or infected DoD personnel. DoD personnel continue to provide support to the Liberian Institute of Biomedical Research.

DIAGNOSTICS AND MEDICAL COUNTERMEASURES: In a study published online by [Lancet Infectious Disease](#) on 3 NOV, a clinical trial of a new Ebola vaccine (ChAd3-EBO-Z) found that it is well tolerated and stimulates strong immune responses in adults. Additional information on [vaccines, therapies, and diagnostics](#) is available from WHO.

USG AND GLOBAL RESPONSE: On 13 NOV, the UK military ended its humanitarian mission to Sierra Leone. Current information and guidance is available at the [CDC](#) and [WHO](#) Ebola web sites.

TRAVEL ADVISORY: On 2 NOV, CDC lowered its travel warning for Sierra Leone to [Alert - Level 2, Practice Enhanced Precautions](#). CDC is maintaining its [Warning - Level 3, Avoid Nonessential Travel](#) advisory for Guinea. The advisory level for Liberia is [Watch - Level 1, Practice Usual Precautions](#). The State Department issued an [updated travel notice](#) for West Africa on 21 SEP when CDC announced that [enhanced entry screening was discontinued](#) for travelers coming to the U.S. from Liberia. These travelers will no longer be funneled through the five U.S. airports [conducting enhanced entry screening](#) (JFK, Newark Liberty, Washington Dulles, Chicago O'Hare, and Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson). As of 10 NOV, CDC recommends that travelers from Liberia and Sierra Leone self-monitor for fever or other symptoms of Ebola for 21 days after departure. Recommendations and procedures have not changed for travelers entering the United States from Guinea; CDC recommends that state public health departments implement active post-arrival monitoring for 21 days along with other movement restrictions based on a traveler's exposure risk category using CDC definitions for travelers from Guinea.

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All information has been verified unless noted otherwise. Sources include NCMI, WHO, HHS, CDC, DoS, and health agencies in Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone.

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Latest Available Ebola Case Counts in or Related to West Africa, 2014-2015

Country (as of date)	EVD Cases All / Lab Confirmed	Deaths All / Lab Confirmed	EVD Cases in HCW / Deaths	Contacts Being Followed
Guinea (15 NOV)	3,804 (-1) / 3,351	2,536 / 2,083	196 / 100	0
Sierra Leone (8 NOV)	14,122 / 8,704	3,955 / 3,589	307 / 221	0
Liberia (30 AUG)	10,672 / 3,157	4,808 / NA	378 / 192	0
Italy (20 JUL)	1 / 1***	0 / 0	1 / 0***	0
United Kingdom (22 JAN 2015)	1 / 1***	0 / 0	1 / 0***	0
United States (4 DEC 2014)	4 / 4**	1 / 1	3 / 0	0
Mali (21 DEC 2014)	8 / 7	6 / 5	2 / 2	0
Nigeria (17 SEP 2014)	20 / 19	8 / 7	11 / 5	0
Senegal (20 SEP 2014)	1 / 1*	0 / 0	0 / 0	0
Spain (2 DEC 2014)	1 / 1	0 / 0	1 / 0	0
Total (15 NOV)	28,634 (-1) / 15,246	11,314 / 5,685[†]	900 / 520	0

[†]Excluding Liberia / *Imported from Liberia / **1 imported from Guinea / ***Imported from Sierra Leone / NA = Not Available.

Shaded rows represent countries which have been declared Ebola transmission-free by WHO.

The total number of cases, which includes suspect, probable, and confirmed cases, is subject to change due to reclassification, retrospective investigation, consolidation of cases and laboratory data, and enhanced surveillance.

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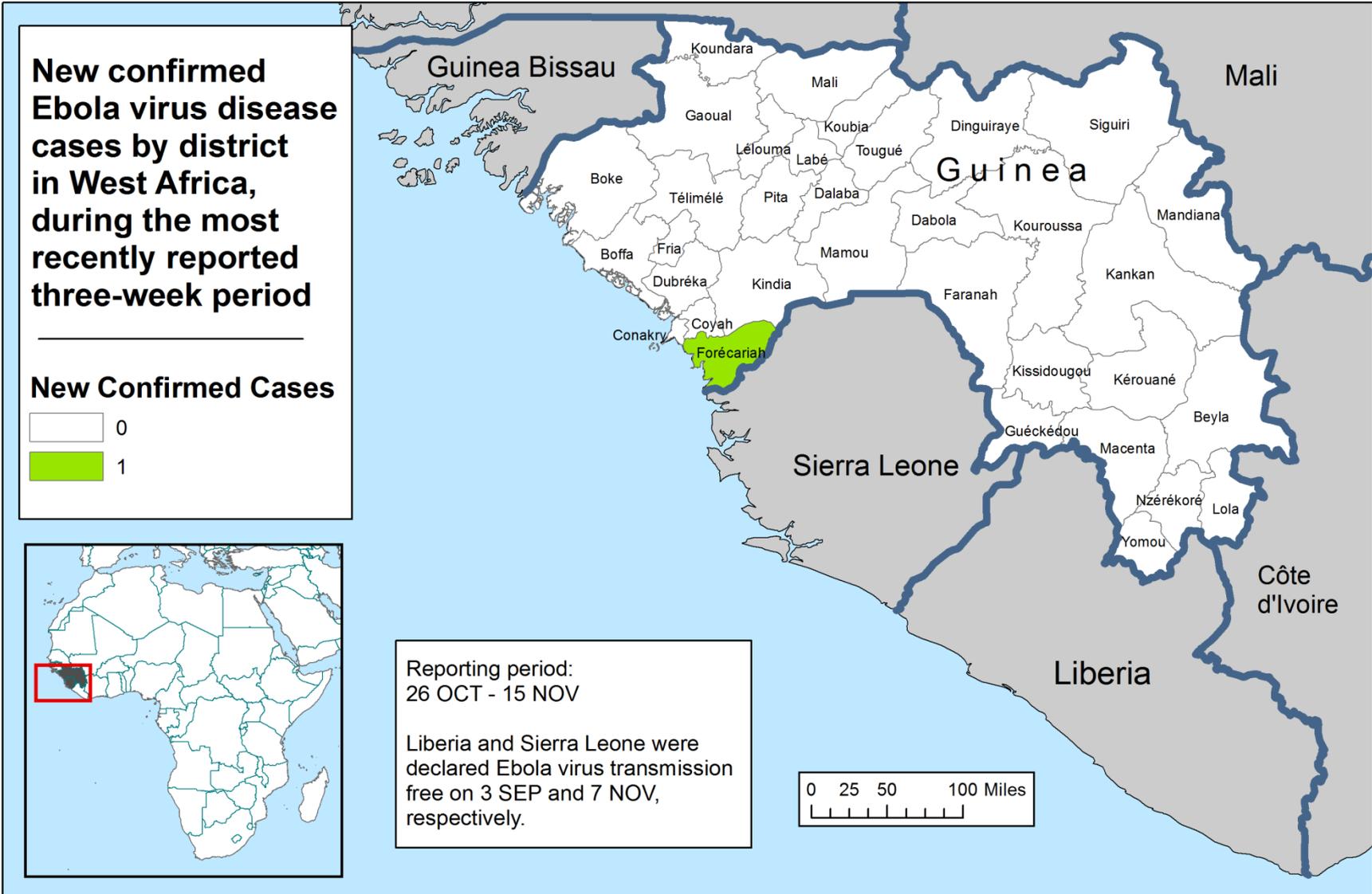
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Additional Resources and Media Reports

Ebola Web Sites

- [WHO](#)
- [CDC](#)
- [Liberia MOH](#)
- [Sierra Leone MOH](#)
- [Humanitarian Response \(West Africa\)](#)
Access to MOH, WHO, UN, and other reports
- [AFHS Guidelines for Detecting and Reporting DoD Cases of Ebola Virus](#)
- [USAMRIID](#)
- [State Department Travel Site](#)
- [USAID Ebola Site](#)
- [DoD News](#)

Information and News

- [Ebola Situation Report - 18 November 2015](#) (WHO, 18 NOV)
- [Guinea counts down to end of Ebola](#) (VOA, 18 NOV)
- [British Ebola nurse recovers again, leaves specialist hospital unit](#) (Reuters, 12 NOV)
- [Ebola Survivors](#) (CDC, 9 NOV)
- [Use of ChAd3-EBO-Z Ebola virus vaccine in Malian and US adults...](#) ([Lancet Infectious Disease](#), 3 NOV)
- [Effectiveness of ring vaccination as control strategy for Ebola virus disease](#) (EID, 2 NOV)
- [The politics behind the Ebola crisis](#) (International Crisis Group, 28 OCT)
- [Ebola virus disease complicated by late-onset encephalitis and polyarthritits, Sierra Leone](#) (EID, 27 OCT)
- [Saving lives: The civil-military response to the 2014 Ebola outbreak in West Africa](#) (Univ. of Sydney, 23 OCT)
- [Ebola RNA persistence in semen of Ebola virus disease survivors](#) (NEJM, 14 OCT)
- [Persistent virus in people recovering from Ebola virus disease](#) (WHO, 14 OCT)
- [Ebola response phase 3](#) (WHO, SEP 2015)
- [Termination of Operation United Assistance and maintaining certain DoD Ebola virus disease-related guidance and authorities](#) (U.S. DoD, 10 AUG)
- [Report of the Ebola Interim Assessment Panel](#) (WHO, 7 JUL)