

# Case Definitions for Ebola Virus Disease

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#### CASE DEFINITIONS FOR EBOLA VIRUS DIEASE (EVD)

#### SUSPECTED CASE

Any person with history of fever (Temp  $\geq$  37.5OC) in the last 48 hours or any three of the following symptoms: headaches, body weakness, loss of appetite, aching muscles or joints, abdominal pain, difficulty swallowing, vomiting, difficulty breathing, diarrhea, AND history of travel within the last 3 weeks to any country that have reported at least one confirmed case,

#### OR

Any person with inexplicable bleeding AND history of travel within the last 3 weeks to any country that have reported at least one confirmed case

#### OR

Any person with history of fever (Temp  $\geq$  37.5OC) in the last 48 hours with or without any of the following symptoms: headaches, body weakness, loss of appetite, aching muscles or joints, abdominal pain, difficulty swallowing, vomiting, difficulty breathing, diarrhea, AND having had contact within the last 3 weeks with a confirmed or probable case of Ebola.

#### PROBABLE CASE

Any suspected case deceased or alive, where it has not been possible to collect specimens for laboratory confirmation having an epidemiological link with a confirmed case.

### LABORATORY CONFIRMED CASE

Any suspected or probable case with a positive laboratory result. Laboratory confirmed cases must test positive for the virus antigen, either by detection of virus RNA by reverse transcriptase-polymerase chain reaction (RT- PCR), or by detection of IgM antibodies directed against Ebola.

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