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### **Ebola Outbreak May 31, 2018**

As you are no doubt aware from the media, there is an outbreak of Ebola in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). **There are no cases in the United States or in any country aside from the DRC.** The World Health Organization's Emergency Committee met May 18<sup>th</sup> and decided that the outbreak should not be considered an International Health Event, at least at this time, but is of concern and will be closely monitored by WHO, CDC & other international agencies and partners. Doctors Without Borders (MSF), the considered experts on identification, confinement, and treatment, are managing all the outbreak sites along with the Health Ministry of the DRC. There are occasional outbreaks of Ebola and other hemorrhagic fevers in one place or another in Africa (they are considered endemic) but are usually small and well controlled and do not make the news in most cases. This outbreak covers several outbreak sites but is still considered small and manageable. As of May 30, there are 51 cases of Ebola with 35 confirmed, 13 probable, and 3 are suspected. Some previously suspected cases have tested negative for Ebola and counts have been adjusted down as that happens.

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