

Ebola Outbreak June 8, 2018

Although the CDC has not posted updated numbers since the May 18th Notice, Dr. Peter Salama, the Deputy Director-General for Emergency Response, updated the cases numbers to a total of 60 cases with 37 Confirmed, 14 Probable, 9 suspected, with a 27-person death toll. Over 1100 contacts and high-risk individuals, such as health care workers and others providing care have been vaccinated with a promising but still experimental vaccine from Merck; several treatment protocols have also been deployed in the Region. There are no cases in the United States or in any country aside from the DRC.

Close monitoring of the events surrounding this outbreak in the DRC will continue by WHO and 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. WHO Chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus told Reuters, when asked about the DRC outbreak situation, "It's stabilizing. We're optimistic, cautiously optimistic."

For the United States, the White House has stated that the National Security Council is working with other Federal agencies to coordinate the US response to the outbreak.

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