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HEALTH ADVISORY: Ebola Disease Outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda

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Dear Colleagues,

Benton County Health Department is sharing the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Health Alert Network (HAN) Health Advisory related to the Ebola disease outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda. The outbreak etiology is associated with the Ebola Bundibugyo virus. To date, Ebola exposure risk in Oregon and the United States is low. OHA's full HAN can be reviewed below.

Thank you for your continued vigilance and service to protect community health.

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State of Oregon Health Alert Network

Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is distributing this [CDC Health Alert Network \(HAN\) Health Advisory](#) to alert clinicians, public health practitioners, and travelers about a new outbreak of Ebola disease in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Uganda caused by the Ebola Bundibugyo virus. The risk of spread to Oregon and the United States is considered very low at this time. The CDC Health Advisory summarizes CDC recommendations for U.S. health departments, clinical laboratories, and healthcare workers about potential Ebola disease case identification, testing, and biosafety considerations in clinical laboratories.

On May 18, 2026, CDC and DHS implemented enhanced travel screening, entry restrictions, and public health measures to prevent Ebola virus disease from entering the United States.

Resources:

- CDC Health Alert Network Ebola Disease Outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda: <https://www.cdc.gov/han/php/notices/han00530.html>
- CDC Ebola Disease: Current Situation: <https://www.cdc.gov/ebola/situation-summary/index.html>
- Oregon Health Authority Viral Hemorrhagic Fevers Investigative Guidelines: <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/DISEASES/CONDITIONS/COMMUNICABLEDISEASE/REPORTINGCOMMUNICABLEDISEASE/REPORTINGGUIDELINES/Documents/vhf.pdf>

For questions, please contact Melissa Sutton at melissa.sutton@oha.oregon.gov.

This Health Alert Notice was sent to Hospitals, Infection Preventionists, Tribes, Local Public Health Officers and Administrators, Public Health and Health Care Preparedness Coordinators and Public Information Officers, select OHA staff and other health partners.

Unless otherwise noted, feel free to share this HAN notification with:

- Others within your organization.
- Professionals within your health, preparedness, and response affiliations.

If you received this alert from a colleague and would like to receive notifications directly, email

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