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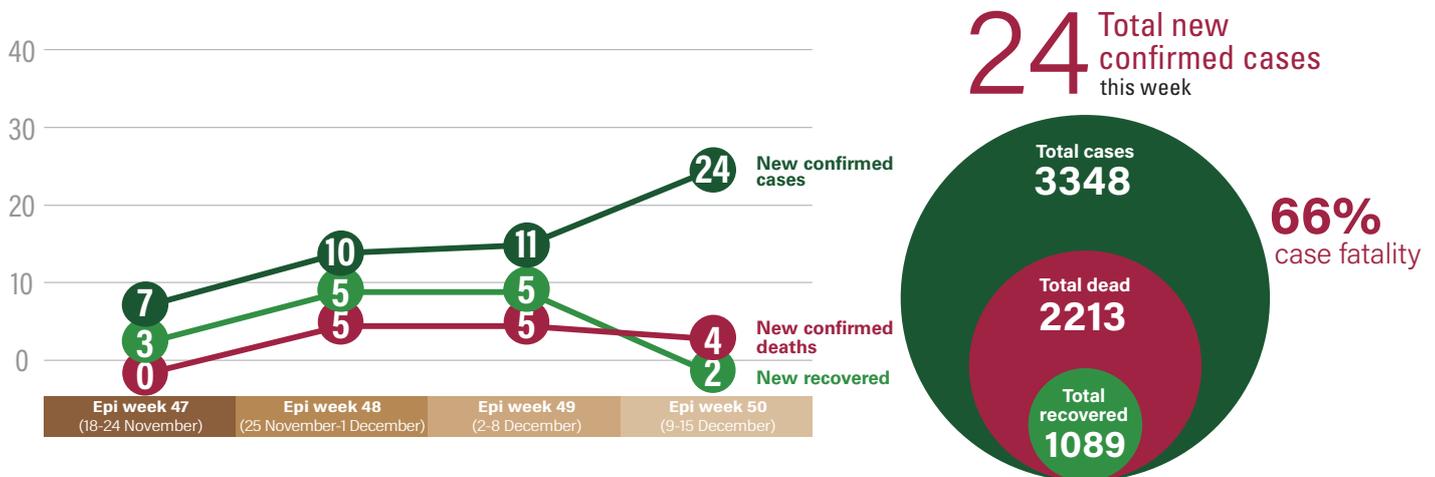Centres for Disease Control and Prevention
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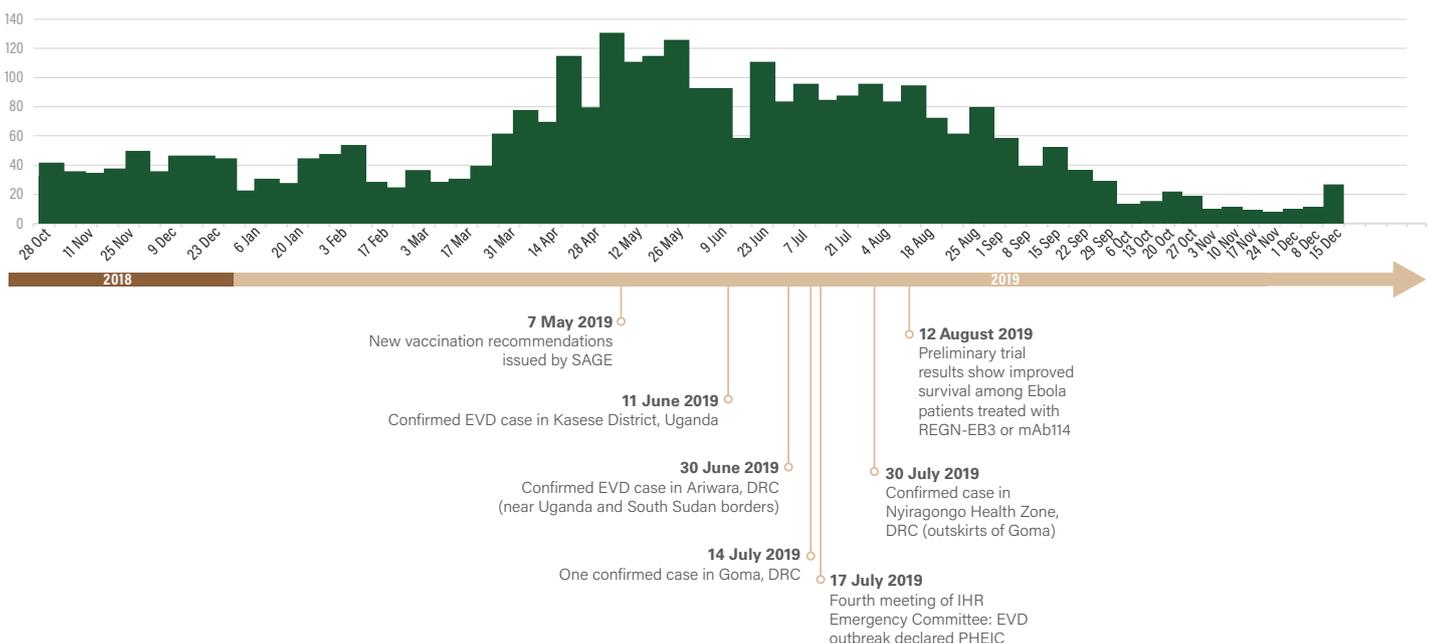
Ebola Virus Disease Outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo

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1. Ebola virus disease outbreak overview

24 Total new confirmed cases this week

Total cases **3348**

Total dead **2213**

Total recovered **1089**

66% case fatality

New confirmed cases

New confirmed deaths

New recovered

	Epi week 47 (18-24 November)	Epi week 48 (25 November-1 December)	Epi week 49 (2-8 December)	Epi week 50 (9-15 December)
New confirmed cases	7	10	11	24
New recovered	3	5	5	2
New confirmed deaths	0	5	5	4

2. Epidemic curve for confirmed and probable cases by date of onset
10th Ebola outbreak, DRC, 2018–2019

7 May 2019
New vaccination recommendations issued by SAGE

11 June 2019
Confirmed EVD case in Kasese District, Uganda

30 June 2019
Confirmed EVD case in Ariwara, DRC (near Uganda and South Sudan borders)

14 July 2019
One confirmed case in Goma, DRC

17 July 2019
Fourth meeting of IHR Emergency Committee: EVD outbreak declared PHEIC

30 July 2019
Confirmed case in Nyiragongo Health Zone, DRC (outskirts of Goma)

12 August 2019
Preliminary trial results show improved survival among Ebola patients treated with REGN-EB3 or mAb114

IHR = International Health Regulations; SAGE = Strategic Advisory Group of Experts; PHEIC = Public Health Emergency of International Concern.

3. Affected areas

South Sudan

Ituri

North Kivu

Democratic Republic
of Congo

Uganda

Rwanda

Burundi

South Kivu

4. Africa CDC response activities this week

- The Regional Collaborating Centres continued to share information and discuss preparedness with Member States using the ECHO platform.

- Africa CDC experts supported tracing of 140 contacts and investigation of 2653 alerts, including active case-finding for 517 suspected cases.

- Africa CDC teams made 79 visits to health care facilities and trained 197 health care workers in infection prevention and risk communication. They evaluated 10 health care facilities and accompanied 178 health care workers to ensure compliance with infection prevention measures.

- Africa CDC-supported laboratories in Butembo, Bunia, Komanda, Bukavu, and Goma received and tested 2086 samples.

- Africa CDC experts have not yet returned to Beni, but they continued to provide support remotely from Goma this week.

5. Update from Member States

Malawi conducted training workshops on EVD preparedness for frontline health care workers and responders.

Zambia reviewed their PHEOC documents and trained its staff on the operation of the PHEOCs.

Zimbabwe conducted a tabletop exercise and held a workshop to review its PHEOC documents.

Botswana established a health data collaborative aimed to harmonize public health information and monitoring and evaluation systems in the country.

Kingdom of Lesotho conducted orientation on the International Health Regulations (IHR) for its national IHR focal persons.

South Africa conducted a training on the operation of the public health emergency operations centres (PHEOCs) for its PHEOC staff.

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