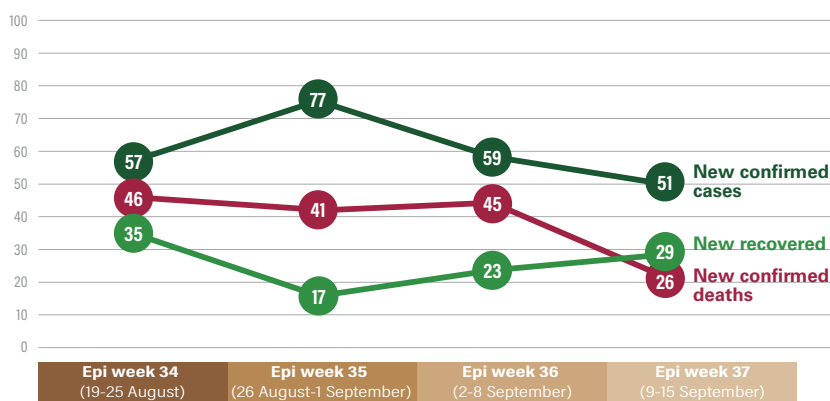


Ebola Virus Disease Outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo

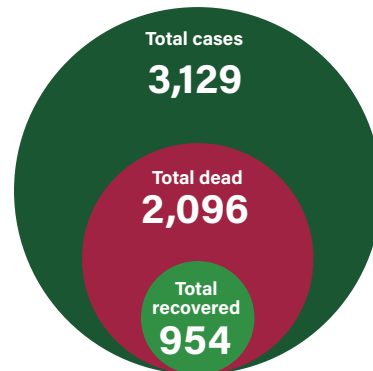
Epidemiological Week 37 (9-15 September 2019)

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1. Ebola virus disease outbreak overview

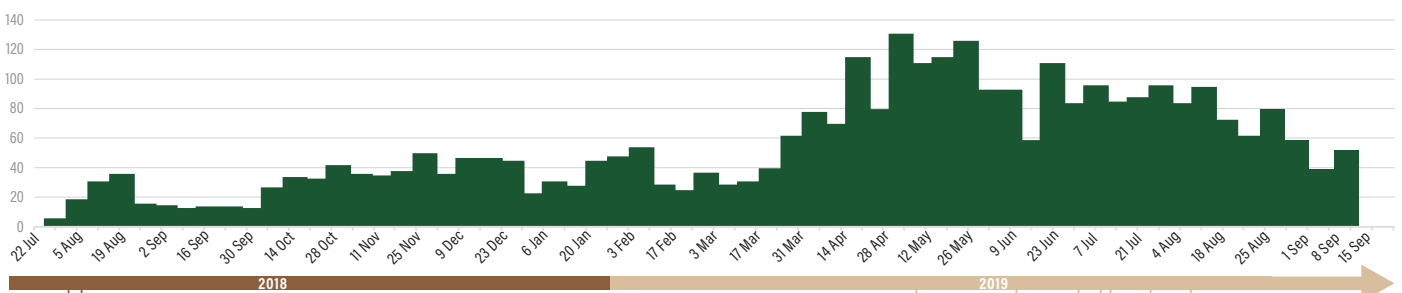


51 Total new confirmed cases this week



67% case fatality

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



8 August 2018
Vaccination of frontline health care workers, community contacts and 'contacts of contacts' begins

1 August 2018
Declaration of Ebola virus disease (EVD) outbreak by DRC Government

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

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

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

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

3. Affected areas



4. Africa CDC response activities this week

- The Regional Collaborating Centres continued to support preparedness in Member States, including sharing information and discussing preparedness plans at the weekly ECHO sessions.
- Thirty new volunteers were recruited this past week and will be deployed in the DRC next week.
- Africa CDC volunteers and experts supported tracing of 1,579 contacts and investigation of 1,074 alerts, including active case-finding for 657 suspected cases.
- Africa CDC teams made 46 visits to health care facilities and trained 141 health care workers in infection prevention and risk communication. They accompanied 67 health care workers.
- Africa CDC-supported laboratories received and tested 1,521 samples.

5. Countdown to Africa Against Ebola Forum

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This is an opportunity for business owners, philanthropists, corporate and philanthropic organizations, donor agencies, Member States, nations, associations, groups, and individuals to support the EVD response in the DRC through financial donations. Join us to stop EVD in the DRC and prevent it from spreading to other parts of Africa.

Date: 15 October 2019

Venue: African Union Commission Headquarters, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

6. Key challenges to EVD response in the DRC



Insecurity

This week, there was an attack on **Furahini Health Post, Vulamba Health Area, Butembo**. Medicines were destroyed but no personnel were injured.



Community mistrust and resistance



Shortage of responders and medical supplies

7. What more can Africa CDC do?

- Deploy more experts to support response and preparedness in the DRC and neighbouring countries.
- Provide more medical and diagnostic equipment, including mobile laboratories and personal protective equipment.
- Strengthen public health emergency operations centres in the DRC and neighbouring countries.
- Support training of more experts and volunteer community workers in the DRC and other countries in Africa.
- Strengthen public awareness and social mobilization for the prevention and control of EVD in Africa.