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What is the Bundibugyo Virus Disease (BVD)?

Bundibugyo Virus Disease (BVD) is a severe and often fatal form of Ebola disease caused by the Bundibugyo strain, one of the six Ebola virus strains.

It is a zoonotic disease. It can spread from infected animals to humans, and then from person to person through direct contact with:



Blood or body fluids



**Organs or secretions of an
infected person**



Contaminated objects and surfaces

Fruit bats are suspected to be the natural reservoir of the virus.





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How does it spread? What are the signs of illness? Is there a cure?

→ How it spreads

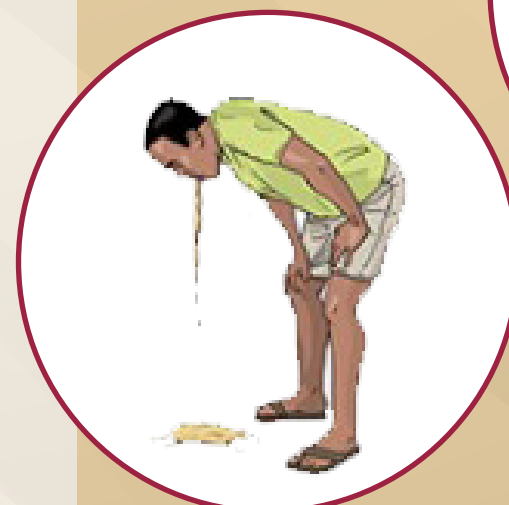
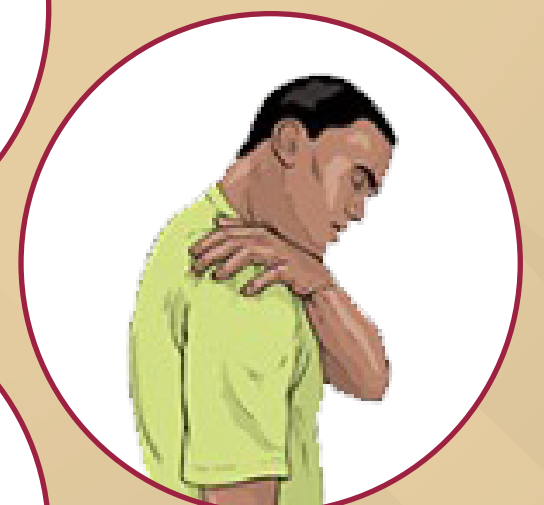
- ▶ Close contact with infected wildlife such as bats or non-human primates
- ▶ Direct contact with the blood or body fluids of an infected person (such as vomit, urine, stool, saliva, sweat, and semen)
- ▶ Contact with contaminated materials or surfaces
- ▶ Unsafe burial practices involving contact with the deceased

→ Signs of illness

- ▶ Fever ▶ Severe headache ▶ Muscle & body pain
- ▶ Weakness & fatigue ▶ Sore throat ▶ Vomiting
- ▶ Diarrhea ▶ Stomach pain ▶ Loss of appetite
- ▶ In some cases, unexplained bleeding or bruising

→ Is there a cure?

There are currently no approved therapeutics or vaccines specifically for the Bundibugyo strain of Ebola. However, research is ongoing, and early medical care with supportive treatment can greatly improve a person's chances of survival.





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Simple actions to protect yourself and your loved ones

- ▶ Wash your hands regularly with running water and soap or use an alcohol-based hand rub;
- ▶ Avoid contact with body fluids of people who have contracted the virus, including shaking hands
- ▶ Report symptoms early and seek medical care immediately
- ▶ Follow advice from health authorities
- ▶ Share verified information only
- ▶ If you are a close contact to an infected person, please cooperate and comply with the health and safety advice issued by health authorities,
- ▶ Please allow trained burial teams to carry out safe and dignified burial practices to help protect you, your family, and your community from the spread of Bundibugyo Virus Disease
- ▶ Avoid large social gatherings

Together, we can protect ourselves, our families and communities from the spread of Bundibugyo Virus Disease.



Stay safe...

