

First U.S. case of Ebola confirmed in Dallas

The first case of Ebola diagnosed in the U.S. has been confirmed in a patient who recently travelled from Liberia to Dallas – a sign of the far-reaching impact of the out-of-control epidemic in West Africa

TIMELINE OF PATIENT INFECTION

Sep 19: Patient boards flight from Liberia to Dallas after being screened for Ebola symptoms. CDC says “zero chance” that patient infected anyone else on flight, as virus is not contagious until symptoms appear

Sep 20: Arrives in U.S. to visit family members in Texas

Sep 24: Begins having symptoms. Goes to hospital two days later but is sent home with antibiotics



Picture: AP

Patient remains in “strict isolation” at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital

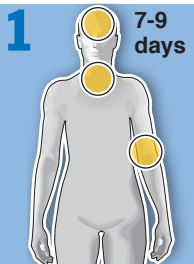
Sep 28: Patient taken to hospital by ambulance after his condition deteriorates badly

Sep 30: CDC confirms that patient’s blood is positive for Ebola

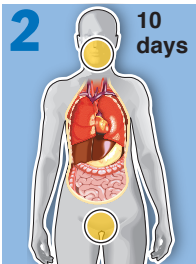
Oct 1: Patient described as critically ill. Health officials working to identify all people who came into contact with him – including patient’s family and some community members. No other suspected cases found in Texas so far



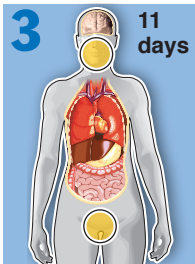
EBOLA SYMPTOMS: Occur 2-21 days after exposure (8-10 days most common)



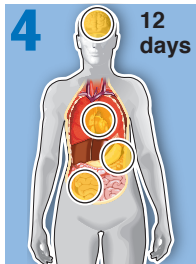
Headache, fever, weakness, sore throat, joint pain



Vomiting blood, diarrhoea, extreme fatigue, high fever



Brain damage, bleeding from external orifices



Organ failure, massive internal bleeding, death