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**Another person in Texas with Ebola**

The Ebola virus disease can be a very deadly virus; it first originated in 1976. Most recently, there have been cases all over the continent of Africa, and thousands of people are dying from it. The first reported Ebola case in the U.S just happened recently, and it was because the person traveled to Africa. Americans need to be aware, and more alert of this virus; most importantly Americans should to be on the look out for it as well.

In order to be more aware, people need to know what the symptoms are. The symptoms typically start two days after coming in contact with the virus, and they include a [fever](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fever), [sore throat](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sore_throat), [muscle pain](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Myalgia) and [headaches](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Headaches). Plus, it also includes [vomiting](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vomiting), a rash, and reduced function of the [liver](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liver) and [kidneys](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kidney). When the virus is inside of someone it will progressively get bigger, and it will eventually lead to bleeding internally and externally. It is possible to die from this disease, and if so it will usually take place from six to sixteen days after being diagnosed with the virus. The only way to get Ebola is if someone comes in contact with the blood, or other bodily functions of anther human with the virus. Luckily, we cannot get it through the air.

A second person at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas, Texas tested positive for Ebola just three days after another nurse with Ebola was diagnosed. The person has not been acknowledged, but he or she was one of the members of the team that helped care for the first Ebola victim, on Tuesday the worker had a fever, which is the first symptom of Ebola is a fever. The worker was instantly isolated at the hospital for testing. After running multiple tests late Tuesday night, doctors had the results around midnight. The hospital has begun examining all the different ways that the virus could have spread, and they reacted rapidly to this woman. It was still very unclear whether others were being monitored. Health officials have started to warn everyone that other cases are likely to happen because of the first nurse that got Ebola. Furthermore, health officials are also telling residents and workers to remain calm because there is a small possibility of other workers testing positive.

The Ebola virus disease can be a very deadly virus, which is why we need to be more aware and more alert of Ebola. The nurse’s infection is an example of what could happen it if we aren’t more prepared. Even though there have been two reported cases of it in America, that is still too many. Hopefully, doctors can figure out a way to prevent this disease or even create a vaccination for it. I really hope this disease gets under control in America and in Africa because Ebola is killing innocent people, and there is no way to stop it.

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