Ebola Awareness

Toolbox Talk
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EBOLA
WHAT IS IT?

Ebola is caused by a virus.

• Causes a severe illness, with bleeding
• Up to 90% will die
• No vaccine, and no treatment are available
• Many people can quickly become infected
Sick people can spread this disease to others

- People in direct contact with sick people are at highest risk:
  - Family members
  - Healthcare workers

Dead bodies can also spread the disease. BE CAREFUL

- DO NOT wash, touch or kiss dead bodies
- DO NOT wash hands in the same bucket as other who have touched the body
What does Ebola feel like?
EBOLA

EARLY SYMPTOMS

FEVER

TIREDNESS

HEADACHE

NAUSEA

Symptoms can start within two days of contact with an infected person or body.
EBOLA

LATER SYMPTOMS

VOMITING
May contain blood

DIARRHOEA
May contain blood

COUGH
May contain blood

BLEEDING
(mostly from nose and mouth)
YOU CAN BECOME VERY SICK

EBOLA LATER SYMPTOMS
EBOLA
DEATH IS COMMON

MOST PEOPLE WITH EBOLA DIE
How **NOT** to catch Ebola?
YOU CAN CATCH EBOLA FROM SOMEONE WHO IS SICK OR DEAD

KEEP AWAY........
EBOLA DON’T TOUCH!

Do not touch an infected person or their body fluids

BLOOD

VOMIT

FAECES OR DIARRHOEA
EBOLA
DON’T TOUCH!

Do not touch an infected person or their body fluids

BODY FLUIDS

URINE
EBOLA
DON’T TOUCH!

Dead bodies carry the virus. Bury carefully. Keep away.
EBOLA PREVENTION

WASH YOUR HANDS OFTEN
Use SOAP
EBOLA is in animals and bats too. DO NOT touch or eat "bush meat" and don’t eat bats.
EBOLA
WHAT TO DO!

If you get sick
EBOLA

WHAT TO DO

If you develop these symptoms…

FEVER
TIREDNESS
HEADACHE
NAUSEA

VOMITING
May contain blood

DIARRHOEA
May contain blood

COUGH
May contain blood

BLEEDING
(mostly from nose and mouth)
Call your medical centre and tell them about your illness

Listen to the advice. You may be sent to a special hospital

Keep away from others so they don’t get sick

Be especially careful of your vomit and diarrhoea