The 2014 Ebola epidemic is the largest in history and is affecting multiple countries.

Likely host = bats

1 in 2 people who get Ebola in this outbreak have died.

How do you get the Ebola virus?

1. Direct contact with body fluids of a person who is sick with or has died from Ebola. (blood, vomit, pee, poop, sweat, semen, spit, other fluids)
2. Objects contaminated with the virus (needles, medical equipment)
3. Infected animals (by contact with blood or fluids or infected meat)

Early Symptoms

Ebola can only be spread to others after symptoms begin. Symptoms can appear from 2 to 21 days after exposure.

- Fever
- Headache
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Stomach pain
- Unexplained pain or bruising
- Muscle pain
- Unexplained bleeding

When is someone able to spread the disease to others?

Ebola only spreads when people are sick. A patient must have symptoms to spread the disease to others.

After 21 days, if an exposed person does not develop symptoms, they will not become sick with Ebola.