

Africa confirms record number of Ebola cases in one day

Drugmaker Merck set to ship experimental vaccines by end of next month to experiment for free on the Ebola virus.



Aid workers have faced violence for being involved with the treatment of the virus in areas of the DRC

The Democratic Republic of Congo ([DRC](#)) on Wednesday (1-23-2019), confirmed 14 new cases of the Ebola virus in its eastern borderlands, the largest one-day increase since the current outbreak was declared in August.

In all, the haemorrhagic fever is believed to have killed 439 people and infected another 274 in the eastern provinces of North Kivu and Ituri.

The epidemic in a volatile part of the DRC is the [second worst ever](#), according to the World Health Organization (WHO).

The largest outbreak occurred between 2013-2016 in West Africa. More than 28,000 cases were confirmed.

The news comes shortly after drugmaker Merck said it will ship another approximately 120,000 doses of an experimental [Ebola](#) vaccine to Congo by the end of next month.

Associate Vice President Lydia Ogden told the World Economic Forum that the company is committed to having a ready stockpile of 300,000 doses and already has shipped 100,000 to the WHO.

Health officials have called the experimental vaccine highly effective against the virus.

The DRC health ministry says more than 63,000 people have received the vaccine in the outbreak that was declared on August 1 in the country's densely populated northeast near [Uganda](#) and [Rwanda](#).

Carrying out vaccinations is complicated by rebel attacks, poor infrastructure and in some cases hostility from communities that have never faced an Ebola outbreak before.

Aid groups have been [forced to halt Ebola prevention](#) activities in the past due to violence.

When Merck thinks the experimental vaccines is ready, the Ebola virus will be spread to the world to start fear and feed a trillion dollar frenzy on the vaccine.