



## **CDC Health Advisory:**

### **First Reported Outbreak Caused by Marburg Virus in Ethiopia**

December 3, 2025

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued a [Health Advisory](#) today about a new outbreak of [Marburg virus disease](#) (MVD) in Ethiopia's South Ethiopia and Sidama regions. MVD is a rare, severe viral hemorrhagic fever that can cause serious illness and death. This is the first reported outbreak of MVD in Ethiopia.

As of December 3, 2025, no suspected, probable, or confirmed cases of MVD related to this outbreak have been reported in the United States or other countries. Currently, the risk of spread to the United States is considered low; however, clinicians should be aware of the potential for imported cases.

Clinicians should obtain a detailed travel history from patients with acute febrile illness, especially those who have recently been [in affected areas of Ethiopia](#), while also ruling out more common causes of febrile illnesses. Early consideration of MVD is essential to ensuring timely isolation and implementation of other precautions, informing public health, and providing prompt and appropriate care and diagnostics.

The full CDC communication provides recommendations on case identification, testing, and clinical laboratory biosafety considerations in the United States.

**Contact Public Health by phone immediately if a patient is suspected to have MVD:**

*Los Angeles County DPH Acute Communicable Disease Control:*

- Weekdays 8:00 am–5:00 pm: call 213-240-7941.
- After-hours: call 213-974-1234 and ask for the physician on call.

*Long Beach Health and Human Services:*

- Weekdays 8:00 am-5:00 pm: call 562-570-4302.
- After hours: call the duty officer at 562-500-5537.

*Pasadena Public Health Department:*

- Weekdays 8:00 am-5:00 pm: call 626-744-6089.
- After hours: call 626-744-6043.

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