

Eight cases of Ebola turn up in Guinea's capital

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Health officials in the West African nation of Guinea say they're now treating eight cases of Ebola in the capital.

Dr. Sakoba Keita, a spokesman for the health ministry, announced on national television the virus had reached the city of 3 million.

Keita said Friday at least 70 people have died in the country's south since the Ebola outbreak began last week.

The highly infectious virus causes [hemorrhagic fever](#) in its victims, with a fatality rate of up to 90 percent.

Keita said the new cases involved patients who had been in contact with the body of one of the earlier victims. He said [health officials](#) were seeking to quarantine anyone who took part in the burials.

Authorities in neighboring Liberia are also investigating several suspected cases.

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