

WHO: More than 17,000 people infected with Ebola

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The World Health Organization says the number of people infected with Ebola has passed 17,000, as Sierra Leone announced that its 10th doctor has been sickened.

Numbers released Tuesday by WHO include about 200 new cases since data was published Monday. More than 6,000 people have died.

The vast majority of the infected are in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone.

Also Tuesday, Sierra Leonean Health Ministry spokesman Jonathan Abass Kamara said that Dr. Thomas Rogers has tested positive for the disease and was admitted a day earlier to the British-built treatment center in Kerry Town, near the capital. Rogers had been working at Connaught Hospital in Freetown.

He is being cared for at a special clinic reserved for infected health care workers that is staffed by British army medics.

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