

CDC director says Congo Ebola outbreak may be uncontrollable

November 7 2018



(HealthDay)—It may not be possible to bring the Ebola outbreak in

Congo under control, and the deadly disease may become entrenched in the northeastern part of the country, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Director Robert Redfield says.

The [outbreak](#) in North Kivu province is in its fourth month, and there have been nearly 300 cases, including 186 deaths, the *Washington Post* reported.

Ebola was first identified in 1976. No previous outbreak has resulted in the persistent presence of the disease.

If that occurs in North Kivu, "this will mean that we've lost the ability to trace contacts, stop transmission chains, and contain the outbreak," said Tom Inglesby, M.D., director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security, the *Post* reported. The center hosted the Capital Hill briefing that featured the Ebola discussion with Redfield.

More information: [Washington Post Article](#)
[More Information: CDC](#)

Copyright © 2018 [HealthDay](#). All rights reserved.

Citation: CDC director says Congo Ebola outbreak may be uncontrollable (2018, November 7) retrieved 7 May 2024 from <https://medicalxpress.com/news/2018-11-cdc-director-congo-ebola-outbreak.html>

<p>This document is subject to copyright. Apart from any fair dealing for the purpose of private study or research, no part may be reproduced without the written permission. The content is provided for information purposes only.</p>
--