

Obama Administration Shuffles \$589 Million in Funds From Ebola Effort to Zika

Current Disease Status



The **Zika** virus is carried by the *Aedes* mosquito, and is linked to microcephaly and Guillain-Barré syndrome. There are 672 confirmed cases in the US, 64 of which are pregnant women. The CDC is currently on the highest alert, a level 1 activation, for the Zika virus.

Outbreaks are rampant in South America, and the virus has made its way north to the entirety of Central America. In the US, there are locally acquired cases currently in Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands and American Samoa, travel-associated cases across the continental US.



Sporadic outbreaks of **Ebola** have occurred in Africa since the 1970s. Research points to the bat as the natural reservoir host, and infected fruit is thought to be a likely crossover point to humans. Ebola is a fast-moving disease, and the average fatality rate is around 50%, depending on the strain. The outbreak was thought to be over until a dozen cases recently appeared in Liberia and Guinea.

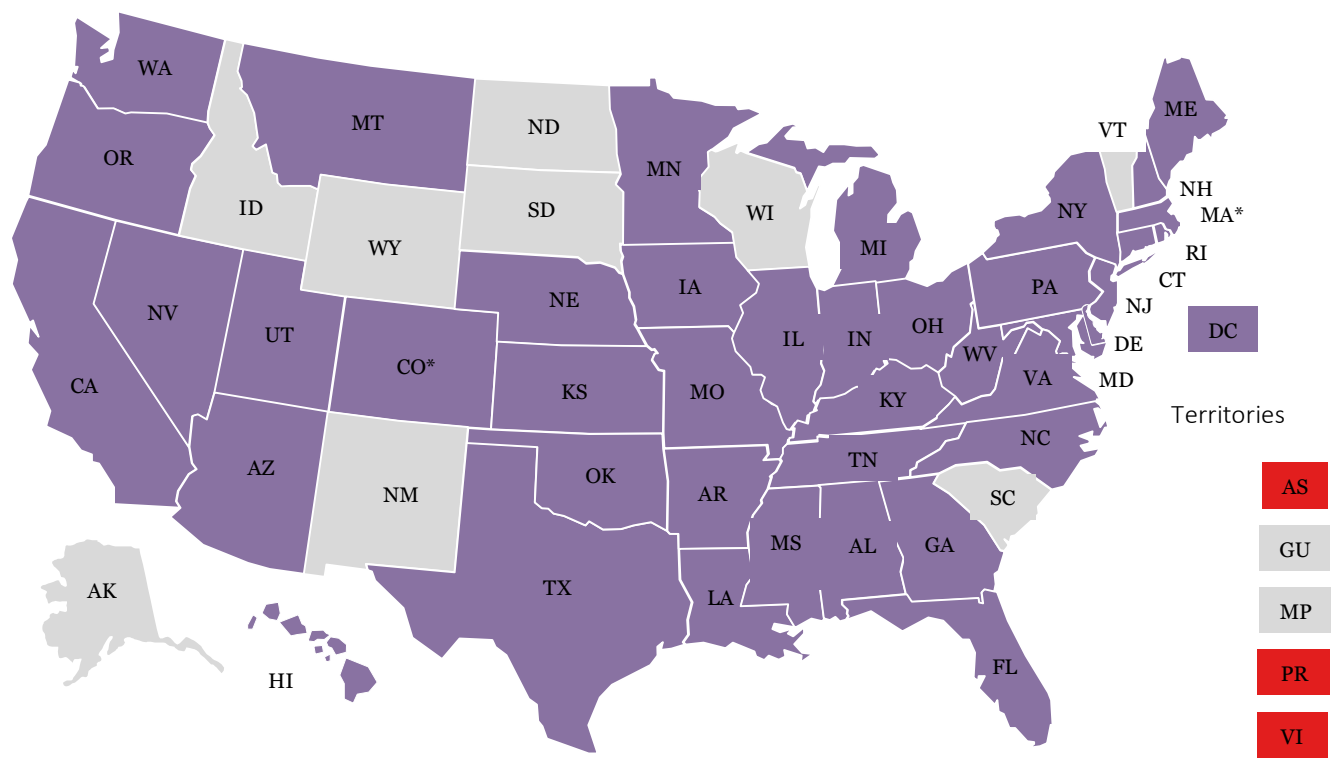
The 2014 Ebola outbreak which killed 11,323 people in West Africa has slowed. Currently, there are cases in Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia

Sources: Edward Boatman, Stephen Plaster, Noun Project, April 7, 2016; Associated Press, "White House: \$589M from Ebola to go to Fight Zika Virus" Modern Healthcare, April 6, 2016; "Ebola" and "Zika", CDC, April 7, 2016; "Ebola Fact sheet" WHO media center, April 7, 2016; Dennis Thomson, "US Moving Money From Ebola Fund to Help Fight Zika." Health Day, April 6, 2016; Donald McNeil Jr., "Obama Administration to Transfer Ebola Funds to Zika Fight" The New York Times, April 6, 2016; Rae Bichell, "White House Says it Will Cut Ebola Funding to Address Zika", NPR, April 6, 2016.

Zika Locally Acquired in US Territories

Zika Cases Currently In Continental US, locally acquired in US territories

Locally Acquired Cases Travel Associated Cases No Cases Reported



Source: "Zika", CDC, 4.7.16.

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Tracking Funds from Ebola to Zika



- Dec 2014 ○ The US Congress allotted more than \$5 billion in funds to combat Ebola
- Feb 2016 ○ WHO declares public health emergency
- Obama Administration Requests more than 1.8 billion in emergency appropriation for fighting Zika
- April 2016 ○ The Office of Management and Budget and Department of Health and Human Services said they would move a total of \$589 million to contain Zika
 The Administration is transferring \$510 million originally intended to contain Ebola to the Zika Effort. They are transferring an additional \$79 million from several other accounts including money from the national strategic stockpile of vaccines and other emergency epidemic supplies.
 The White house has stated that these funds are not sufficient.

What's Next: The Obama administration said that the emergency \$1.9 billion requested remains the same

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