

About Ebola

What is it?	The disease causes a severe, acute viral illness.
What are the symptoms?	Symptoms are similar to those associated with influenza – fever, vomiting and joint, muscle and stomach pain.
How is it spread?	It is spread person-to-person through contact with infected blood and body fluid that is then transferred to unprotected mucous membranes (eyes, nose, mouth) or non-intact skin (open wounds or sores).
What's the incubation period?	The incubation period can range from 2 to 21 days after exposure, although 8 to 10 days is most common.

What are the risks to Toronto Pearson employees?

- [Public Health Agency of Canada](#) (PHAC) considers the risk to Canadians remains very low.
- There are no direct flights between Toronto Pearson and any of the originating affected countries in Africa.
- The Ebola virus does not spread easily from person to person. It is spread through direct contact with infected bodily fluids, not through casual contact.

What is being done to protect Toronto Pearson employees?

The GTAA has a Communicable Disease Plan of Operations. The plan was developed closely with our partners and the PHAC and is updated regularly as new information becomes available. The plan assists our airport community in the prevention of an infections or communicable disease.

Precautions taken to prevent EVD at Toronto Pearson fall under this Plan of Operations.

What are the precautions and preventative measures?

- PHAC is taking precautions to prevent and control the spread of all communicable diseases, including Ebola, through administration of the Quarantine Act.
 - The Quarantine Act is administered 24 hours per day, 7 days per week at all points of entry into Canada, including Toronto Pearson.
 - The Quarantine Act requires travellers to report to a Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) agent if they are ill upon arrival.
 - As well, airlines and airport authorities are required to report ill travellers arriving on international flights to Quarantine Officers.
- CBSA, PHAC, medical responders and Toronto Pearson Fire and Emergency Services (FES) follow detailed standard operating procedures when responding to any traveller with a possible communicable disease.
 - There are currently no additional response procedures in place for EVD at Toronto Pearson as the current procedures are considered to be sufficient.

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We need your help

As always, if you see a passenger in need of medical attention, please call 416-776-3033.

You are the eyes and ears of the airport – being vigilant when dealing with passengers you suspect are ill will help ensure the safety of all Toronto Pearson employees and our passengers.

Where can I get more information?

- For more information about EVD, please visit <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/id-mi/vhf-fvh/ebola-eng.php>.
- For up-to-date travel health advisories, please visit <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/tmp-pmv/index-eng.php>.

Public Health Agency of Canada is the lead agency in possible communicable disease situations. The GTAA is working closely with PHAC to support.