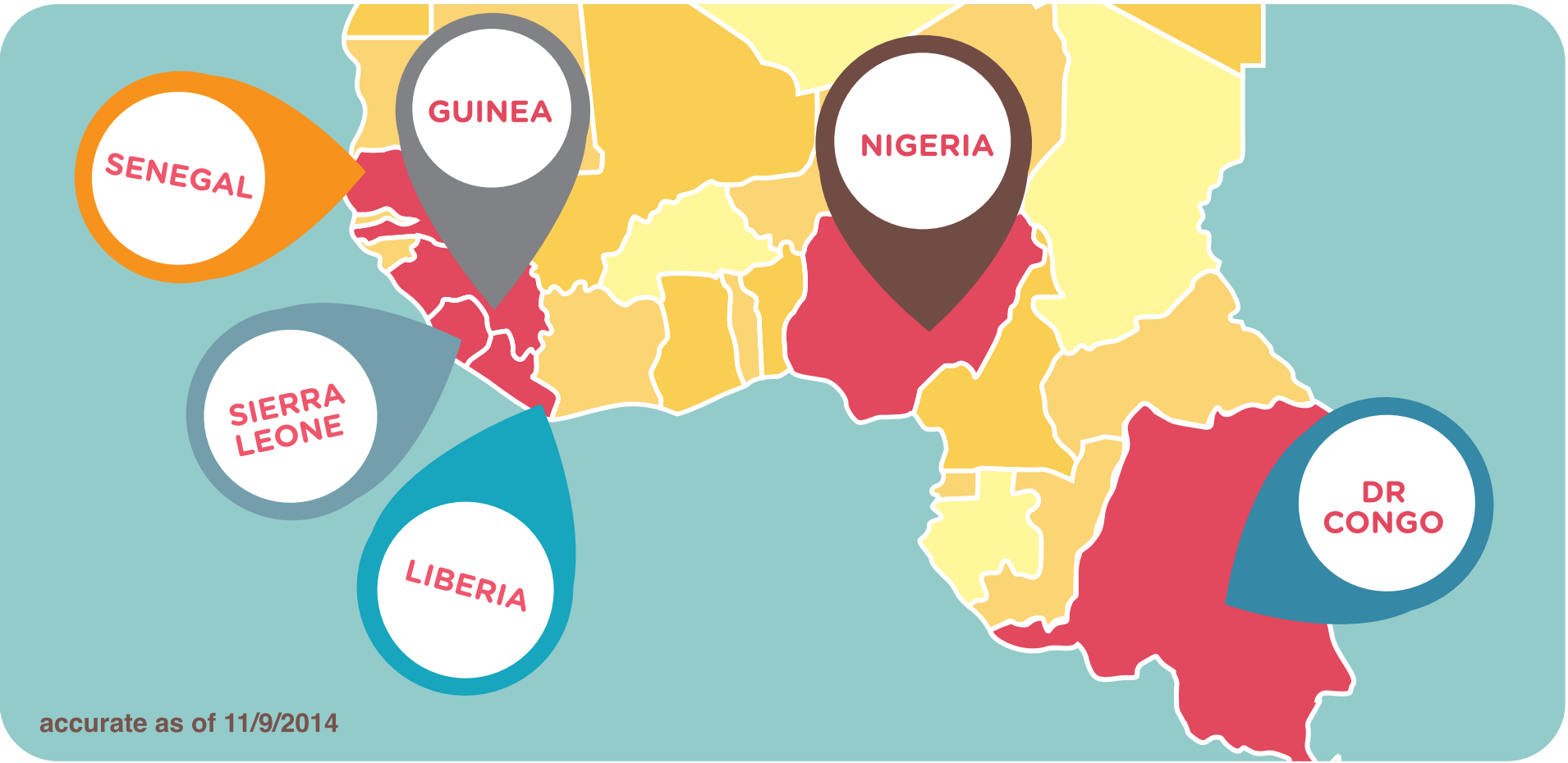




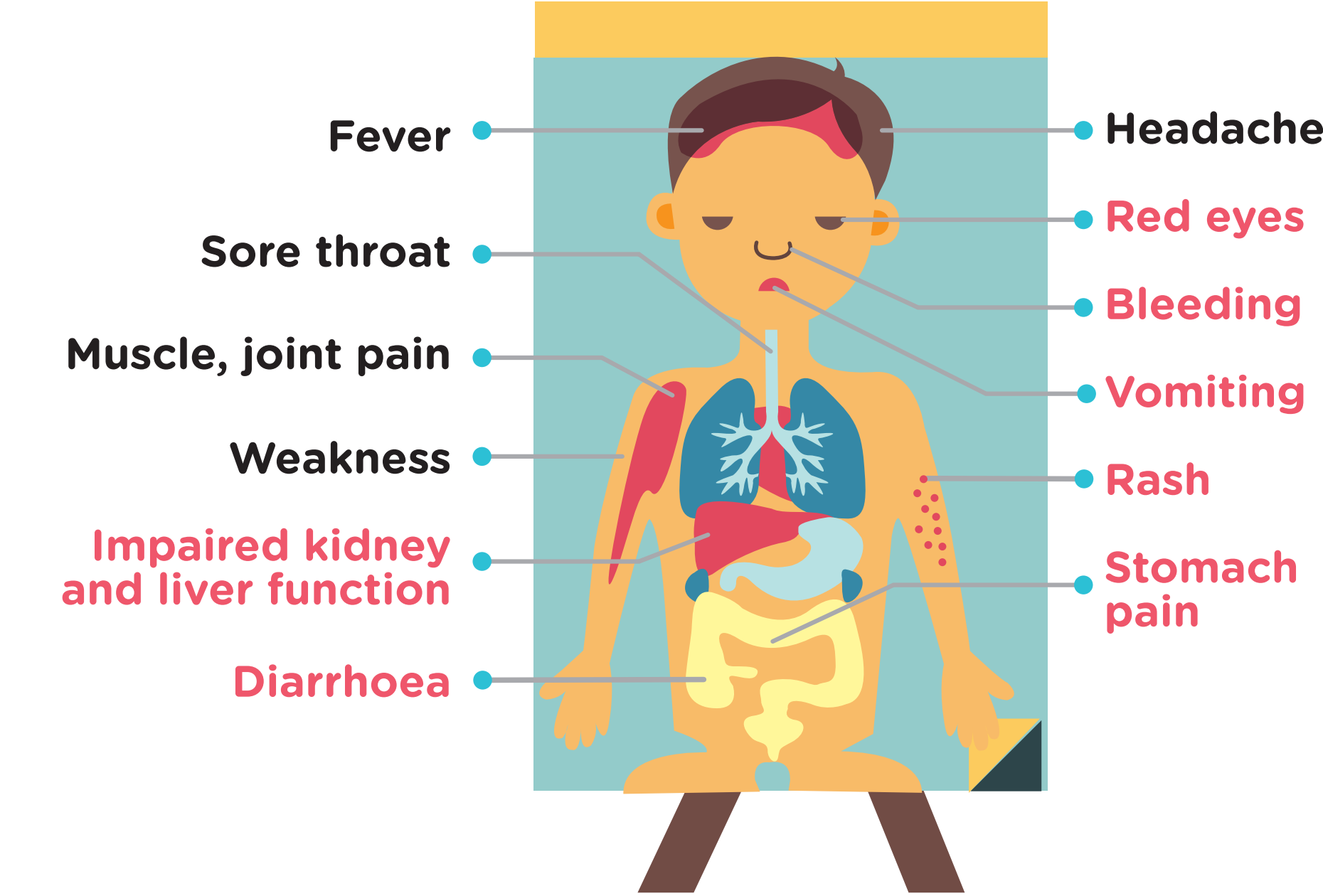
Countries with reported EVD activity



What is Ebola Virus Disease?

The Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) is a rare disease caused by the Ebola virus which leads to severe, often fatal illness in humans. EVD first surfaced in Africa in 1976.

What are the symptoms of EVD?



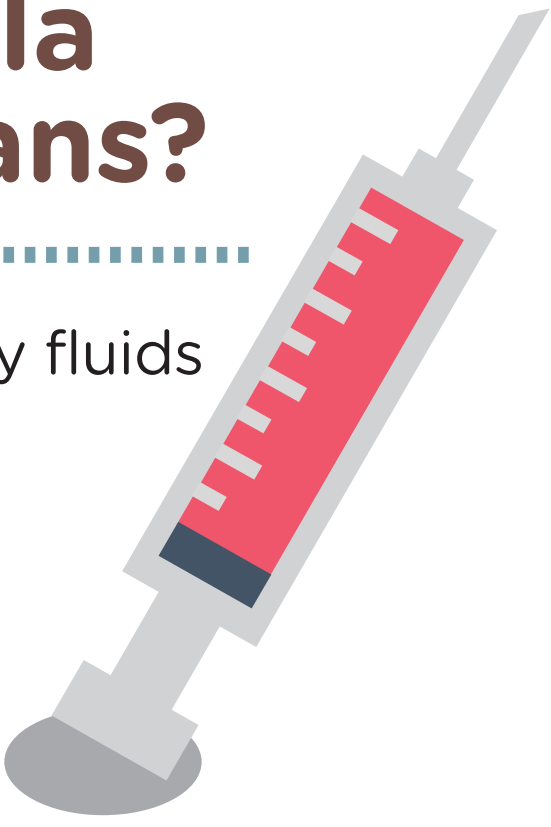
Symptoms in black are the early symptoms; red denotes late symptoms.

How and when is the Ebola virus transmitted to humans?

Transmission is via contact with blood and body fluids

- Of infected persons or animals
- On contaminated objects

Patients are only contagious once they show the symptoms.



How is EVD treated?

- There is no proven vaccine or anti-viral drug.
- Severely ill patients are treated with intensive supportive care in the hospital.



What risk does EVD pose to Singapore?

The current outbreak poses a **low** public health risk to Singapore. This is because:

- Transmission is via direct contact with blood and body fluids of an infected person.
- The outbreak is occurring in African countries.



Precautionary measures for EVD

- Avoid travel to affected areas unless necessary.
- Practice frequent hand washing.
- Avoid direct contact with blood or body fluids of infected persons or animals.
- Avoid direct contact with objects contaminated with infectious fluids.
- Seek immediate medical attention if you develop EVD symptoms after visiting affected areas.



For more information, you may refer to the Ministry of Health web page at www.moh.gov.sg/evd

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