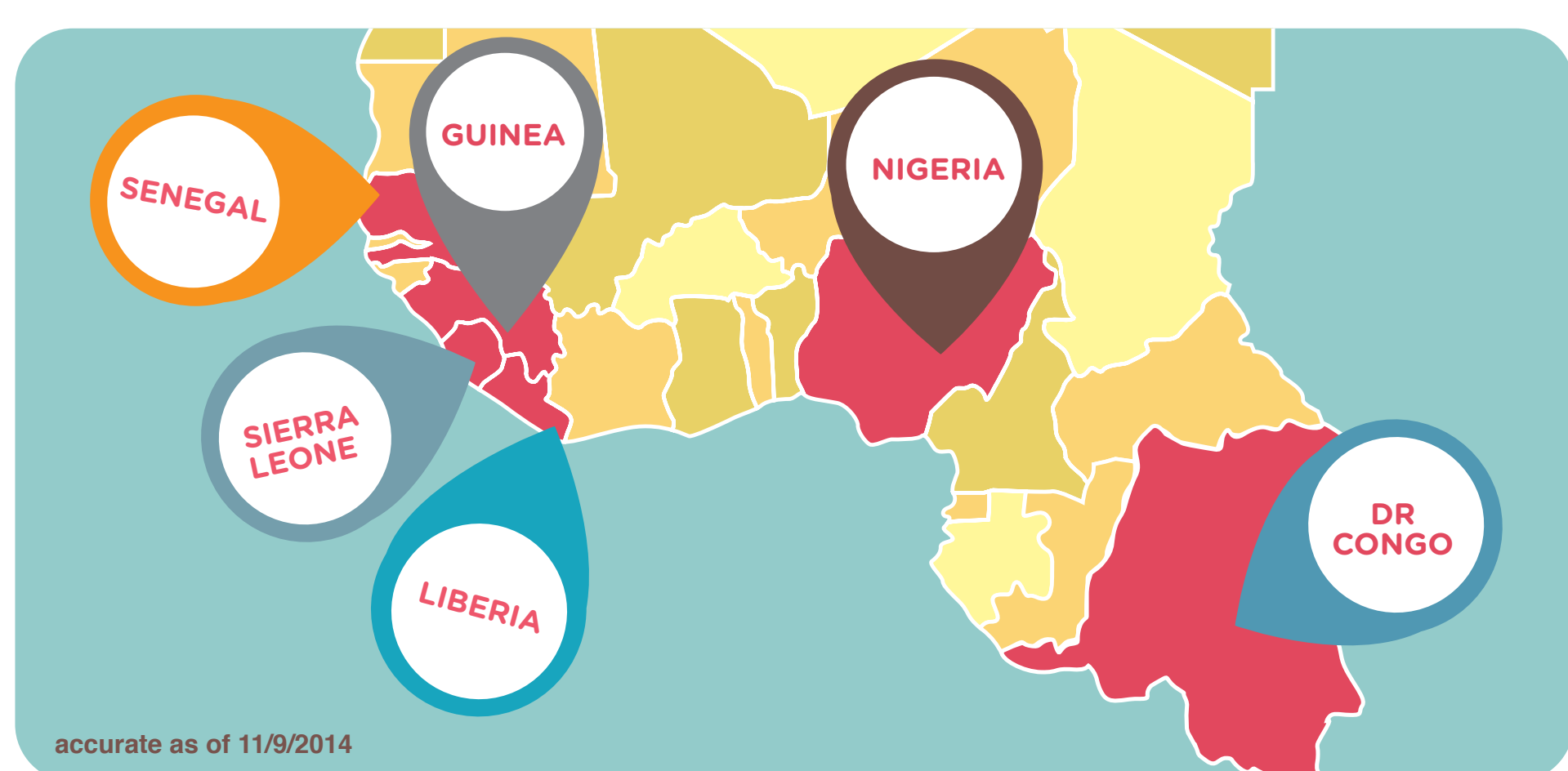




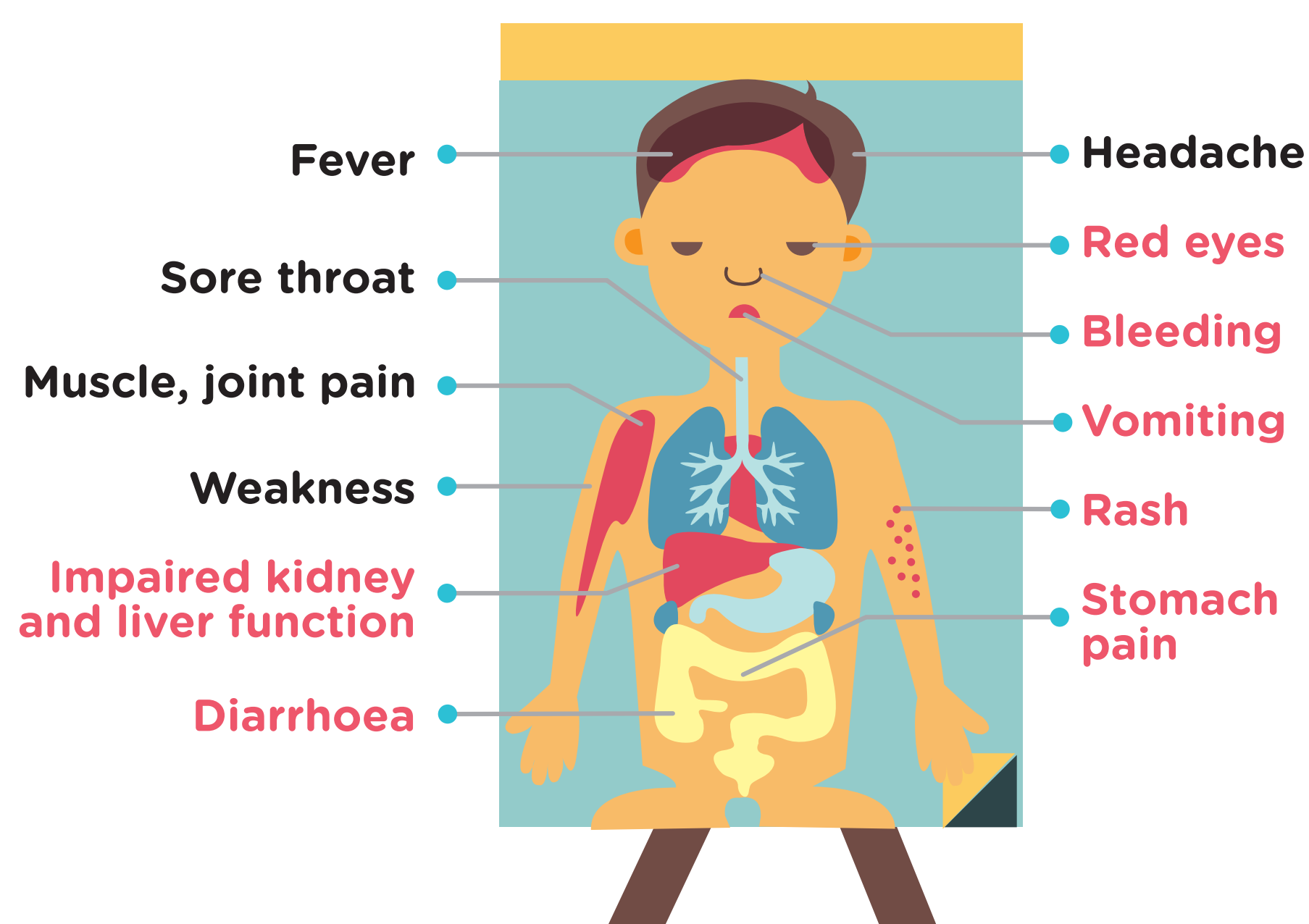
## Countries with reported EVD activity



## 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?



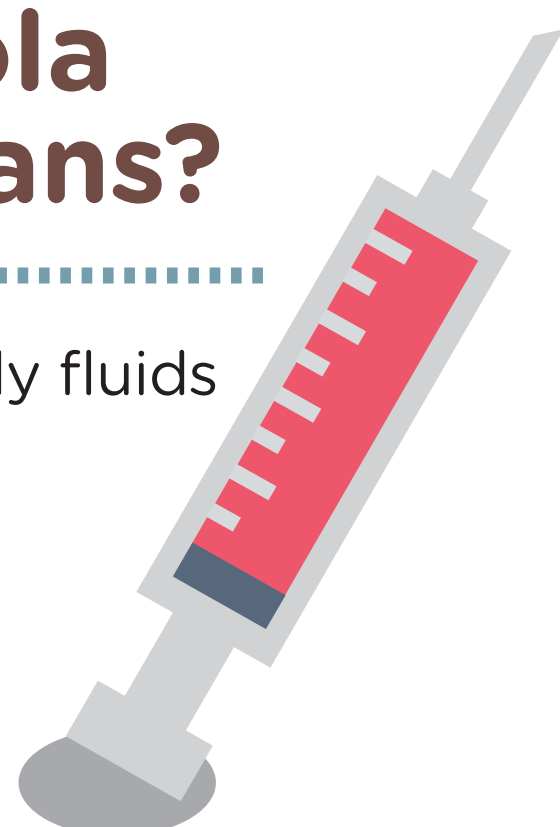
Symptoms in black are the early symptoms; red denotes late symptoms.

## 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](http://www.moh.gov.sg/evd)

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