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WHO SAID A NEW EBOLA CASE CONFIRMED IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

AS OF APRIL 10 IN BENI

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USPA NEWS - A new case of Ebola virus disease was confirmed today in the city of Beni in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

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"WHO has worked side by side with health responders from the DRC for over 18 months and our teams are right now supporting the investigation into this latest case," said Dr Matshidiso Moeti, WHO Regional Director for Africa. "Although the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic adds challenges, we will continue this joint effort until we can declare the end of this Ebola outbreak together." The news of the confirmed case came minutes after the conclusion of a meeting of the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee on Ebola in DRC. The Emergency Committee will reconvene next week in order to re-evaluate their recommendations in light of this new information. Prior to this, the last person who was confirmed to have Ebola in DRC tested negative twice and was discharged from a treatment centre on 3 March 2020. As of 10 April 2020, 3456 confirmed and probable cases and 2276 deaths have occurred as a result of the outbreak. Source: World Health Organization (WHO)

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