

Bundibugyo virus disease (BVD) - two-page summary, 28 October 2026

Summary of key gaps

- **Past 10,000 cases, deaths accelerating:** 10,060 confirmed / 4,887 deaths (SitRep 164, data 25 Oct); +96 cases and +46 deaths in a day, the highest daily count since 18 Oct. 18-25 Oct: 508 cases / 285 deaths (+4.5% cases, +29.0% deaths week on week); Rt-equivalent ≈ 1.10 , above 1 for a second window.
- **Community deaths 87.0%** (40 of 46) on 25 Oct, up from 68.4%; all 20 Beni deaths were in the community.
- **Beni is the growth point:** +35 cases (36.5% of the day); Nord-Kivu 58 cases against Ituri 32; Nord-Kivu positivity 30.7%, national 20.1%.
- **Suspects not investigated doubled to 107** (100 in Nord-Kivu); Nord-Kivu follow-up 80.4%; 2 febrile travellers at PoC Biakato May not transferred for lack of an ambulance.
- **Data holes:** Ituri sent no alert, contact, IPC or burial data; Nord-Kivu no burial data; WHO five data days behind (DON622, data 20 Oct).
- **Workforce:** Grand-Nord strike due 29 Oct; Nia-Nia strike continues; Bafwasende stopped reporting after a nurse was killed.

Cut-off ~06:10 CET, 28 Oct 2026. [DERIVED] = our arithmetic; [Analysis] = our judgement. Source: daily review 2026-10-28.

Standing figures (Ministry and WHO)

Source	Data as of	Published	Confirmed	Deaths	CFR
MoH/INSP SitRep 164	25 Oct	posted 27 Oct	10,060	4,887	48.6%
MoH/INSP SitRep 163	24 Oct	posted 26 Oct	9,964	4,841	48.6%
WHO DON622	20 Oct	23 Oct	9,704	4,687	48.3%
WHO AFRO SR23	19 Oct	21 Oct	9,637	4,646	48.2%
ECDC	25 Oct	27 Oct	10,060	4,887	48.6%
Reuters	25 Oct	27 Oct	10,060	4,887	48.6%

Change since the 27 Oct report: **+96 cases, +46 deaths** (40 community, 6 in treatment centres) [DERIVED]; totals and recoveries (2,684) reconcile; ECDC's 4,851 discrepancy is gone. 8 provinces, 66 zones; no new zone. Abroad: Kenya 9 / 2 (none since 20 Oct; 20 contacts cleared, 98 monitored); Nigeria 1 (in Geneva; 53 contacts); Uganda 20 (over); France 1 (June).

7-day trend [DERIVED from SitReps]

Window	Cases	Deaths	Interval CFR	Change vs one week earlier
16-23 Oct	461	267	57.9%	-8.0% / +20.8%
17-24 Oct	509	280	55.0%	+6.7% / +24.4%
18-25 Oct	508	285	56.1%	+4.5% cases / +29.0% deaths

Daily cases 19-25 Oct: 85, 67, 61, 51, 60, 88, 96. Positivity 9.4%, 13.3%, 17.2%, 20.1% (22-25 Oct). Weekly deaths up in four consecutive windows. Reading: high plateau with early renewed growth in Nord-Kivu, partly hidden by weaker surveillance.

Key problems

Pillar	Fact (25 Oct unless stated)
Surveillance	142 of 249 suspects investigated (57.0%); 107 not investigated; follow-up 81.6% without Ituri; Nord-Kivu 80.4%, Tshopo 79.5%
Laboratory	479 samples, 20.1% positive; Nord-Kivu 30.7%, Tshopo 31.6%
Case management	Nord-Kivu occupancy 87.8%; 5 Mandima patients unfed; low capacity at Aru, Mambasa, Kilo, Lolwa, Biakato; Wapinda escape
IPC / HCW	Bas-Uélé 17 of 20 facilities lack water, 20.6% staff trained; no Ituri or Nord-Kivu IPC data; no HCW total since 19 Oct
Burials	no Ituri or Nord-Kivu data while 46 of 46 deaths came from those provinces
Workforce / security	Grand-Nord strike 29 Oct; Bafwasende silent after killing; Bolebole transit centre suspended
Vaccines	no Ituri dose count; Bas-Uélé 1,735 of 13,202 (13.1%); Tumaini first dose 23 Oct (CEPI via ECDC)
Cross-border	Biakato May suspects not transferred; body intercepted at Mahagi; Uganda quarantine and travel ban

What changed since yesterday

- SitRep 164 published: 10,000 passed; +96 / +46; community deaths 87%; positivity 20.1%; Beni +35.
- Investigation of suspects fell from 88.4% to 57.0%; Ituri missing from key tables.
- ECDC experts deployed to Nigeria; Kenya cleared 20 contacts; Tumaini start date settled as 23 Oct.

Forecast and scenarios [Analysis]

- **A. Controlled decline: low. B. Plateau at ~450-540 cases/week: most likely, at its upper edge. C. Renewed growth or regional spread: moderate to high (kept).** Move C to most likely if a 7-day window exceeds 540, the Grand-Nord strike starts on 29 Oct, or a new province or country reports a case.
- At Rt 1.10 sustained, weekly cases near 1,000 by mid February 2027; at Rt 0.6 the earliest end declaration is ~mid June 2027. New country within 30 days: 45-60%. Nigeria secondary case by ~10 Nov: 35-55%; Kenya further case within 30 days: 15-35%.

Top three priorities

1. **Surge into Beni and the Grand-Nord:** investigation teams, suspect beds and ambulances in Beni, Oicha and Butembo within 24 hours; swab and bury every community death.
2. **Pay the workforce before the 29 Oct strike:** settle Grand-Nord, Nia-Nia, Rwampara and Kasenyi arrears; secure Bafwasende so it can report.
3. **Restore full data and close leaks:** daily Ituri returns, a dated WHO update, ambulances at Mandima checkpoints, isolation in Nord-Ubangi, joint screening with Uganda.

Sources: INSP SitRep 164 https://insp.cd/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/SitRep_MVEBDB_164_25_10_2026.pdf · WHO DON622 <https://www.who.int/emergencies/disease-outbreak-news/item/2026-DON622> · ECDC <https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/public-health-events/2026-eip-00026/2026-10-27> · Reuters via CNBC Africa <https://www.cnbc.com/2026/10/27/congo-ebola-infections-surpass-10000-government-says.html> · CIDRAP <https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/ebola/quick-takes-ebola-cases-top-10000-new-world-screw-worm-texas-new-mexico-more-avian-flu> · Al Jazeera <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2026/10/27/ebola-cases-in-dr-congo-surpass-10000-in-fastest-growing-outbreak>