

FACTS ABOUT plague

Plague is an infectious disease that can become severe if left untreated. If diagnosed early, plague can be cured with antibiotics and supportive care.



Plague is **caused by a bacteria** usually found in small mammals and their fleas



People infected with plague usually have "flu-like" **symptoms** within 1-7 days of contact



Early **diagnosis and treatment** are essential - the fatality rate is 30-100% if left untreated

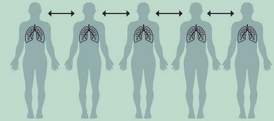


Bubonic



The most common type of plague affects the lymph nodes. It can be severe, but there is no human to human transmission.

Pneumonic



The deadliest and most rapid form of plague occurs when it reaches the lungs. It can be transmitted person to person via droplets in the air.

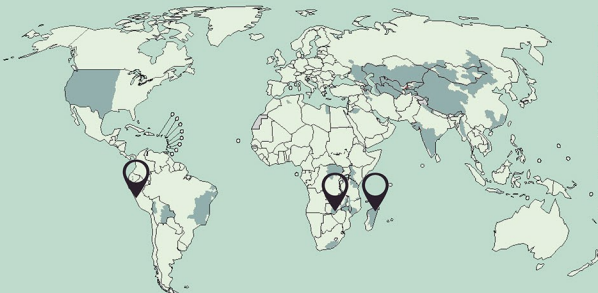
Middle ages ▶▶▶▶

Plague, known as the "Black Death" in 1400s, caused an estimated...

50 million deaths in Europe

Modern era ▶▶▶▶

Between 2010 - 2015, 3248 people were infected with plague worldwide... **584 died**



Plague is most common in

Madagascar, Democratic Republic of the Congo and Peru. However, the potential plague natural foci are distributed worldwide.



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