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Ebola Outbreak

The number of cases of Ebola infection is increasing and it spreads very widely and fast, even to Texas, where the first case of Ebola in the United States was diagnosed. The disease was brought in by an African called Thomas Duncan. He brought the virus from his home country, Liberia, and he is in critical conditions in the meantime.

The public in the US are scared since there is no medicine to control the virus. The only way to stop an outbreak is to isolate the patient who is infected. Ebola is spread with bodily fluids, such as blood and saliva. To stop the disease from spreading, the US government has provided a house to Duncan and he is forced to stay there away from others.

Although Ebola infection is spreading so fast, I am not worried that Hong Kong will be the next place with new cases. The hospital system in Hong Kong is excellent and I am really confident of it. Also, after the SARS attack in 2003, the hygiene awareness of people in Hong Kong has been raised. For example, when we feel sick, we realize that we must wear masks to avoid infecting others. It shows that we are concerned about health and hygiene, so the probability of an Ebola outbreak taking place in Hong Kong is quite low. Nonetheless, prevention measures from the government are necessary. The government should boost public education about Ebola. Talks can be run with experts sharing methods to prevent the disease. Professional opinions can be more persuasive and the public will be more likely to follow.