

VT Ibuwa Initiative Weekly News Update

Health & Safety

As of July 22nd, [Coronavirus cases reach 8,720 total cases](#), including 201 deaths and 5,105 recoveries.

President Felix Tshisekedi announces an end to the “state of health emergency.” You can find details to the reopening plan [here](#).

As of July 20th, there are [60 total cases of Ebola](#) in Western DRC. According to WHO, this new outbreak has “no common viral strain” with the earlier epidemic in Ituri and North Kivu in the East, which has since been declared over.



Politics & Society

Since the beginning of the Ebola outbreak in Western DRC, more than 32 children [have been separated from one or both of their parents](#) due to the virus.

The Catholic Church [organizes demonstrations](#) in Kinshasa demanding the dissolution of parliament in the DRC.

[This article](#) highlights how prisoners in the DRC are at exceptionally high risk for contracting Covid-19.

Odds & Ends

Bloggers in the DRC [launch a campaign](#) to teach youth positive masculinity.

Experts caution that a rise in poverty due to the Coronavirus lockdown may increase poaching, [threatening Congolese gorillas](#).