

## Top Ebola Experts: This Strain Is Much Worse Than We've Ever Seen Before

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## **A More Dangerous Strain**

The head of the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy at the University of Minnesota - Dr. Michael Osterholm - is a <u>prominent public health scientist and a nationally recognized biosecurity expert</u>.

Dr. Osterholm just gave a talk shown on C-Span explaining that a top Ebola virologist – the Head of Special Pathogens at Canada's health agency, Gary Kobinger – has found that the current strain of Ebola appears to be much worse than any strain seen before ... and that the current virus *may* be more likely to <u>spread</u> through <u>aerosols</u> than strains which scientists have previously encountered.

Watch this minute-long clip:

Another top Ebola expert - chief scientist at the U.S. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, and discoverer of the Reston strain of Ebola (Dr. Peter Jahrling) - said last week that this strain of Ebola appears to be more virulent than other strains we've seen, producing a much higher viral load much quicker than other strains.

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