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

**Facts about Plague**

- **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.