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Effective communication is crucial during public health emergencies such as Ebola, because language affects the decision?making process of social judgments and actions. The choice of the term ("outbreak") over another ("epidemic") can create different conceptualizations of the disease, thereby influencing the risk signature.

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