



**HEALTHCARE EMERGENCY COORDINATION CENTER
SNAPSHOT REPORT #3 – EBOLA PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE
DATE: OCTOBER 22, 2014
TIME: 1700**

SITUATION UPDATE

To date there are no changes in the number of confirmed Ebola Virus Disease cases in the United States, nor suspected cases in WA State. Countries with widespread transmission of Ebola: Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea. Countries (affected areas) with localized transmission: Nigeria (Port Harcourt and Lagos), Spain (Madrid), United States (Dallas). Countries (affected areas) with travel-associated cases: Senegal (Dakar). (Source: CDC)

CURRENT INFORMATION

The Northwest Healthcare Response Network continues activation of its Healthcare Emergency Coordination Center (HECC) at a low level to facilitate coordination and information sharing in support of EVD planning.

KEY ACTIONS BY NORTHWEST HEALTHCARE RESPONSE NETWORK

- NWHRN website has new and updated links to Federal reference and resource material
- Assisting Long Term Care Advisory Committee with guidance for staff who may have traveled to or been in contact with travelers from West Africa
- Providing outreach to urgent care centers and clinics to ensure receipt of timely information and guidance
- Coordinating with WA Department of Health, Public Health – Seattle & King County and Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department to develop a process for identifying hospitals that will work to meet the criteria for becoming "Ebola Ready" centers
 - Working with these partners to develop criteria to evaluate these centers

KEY ACTIONS BY OTHER REGIONAL OR STATE AGENCIES

- Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department is coordinating with sewer and solid waste management companies to pre-plan regarding EVD waste disposal

CURRENT NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

- CDC has announced active post-arrival monitoring for travelers from Ebola impacted countries: <http://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2014/p1022-post-arrival-monitoring.html>
- CDC Ebola website posted a new document aimed at Healthcare Workers: "Could it be Ebola?" available at <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/pdf/could-it-be-ebola.pdf>
- *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* opinion by Emory Healthcare CEO John Fox: Here's how to beat Ebola: What we need is a national strategy for all health care institutions: <http://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/2014/10/22/Here-s-how-to-beat-Ebola/stories/201410220024>
- HHS Conference call for EMS providers held today. Key points:
 - Proper screening by 9-1-1 operators and sharing of information with responders is critical
 - Preplanning, training on use procedures and PPE and frequent spot checks or no-notice drills to reinforce training and readiness
 - No specific EMS PPE guidance; follow hospital PPE guidance: buddy and no exposed skin

- If learning of travel history and clinical signs/symptoms after making patient contact, withdraw, disinfect, don PPE and re-enter to provide patient care
- Case definition being changed to remove 'patient temperature'
- Invasive procedures during transport should be done at a stand-still
- HHS Public Health Emergency Ebola website has good information broken out by healthcare sector, with information updated frequently: www.phe.gov/Preparedness/responders/ebola/pages/default.aspx

UPCOMING EVENTS

For further information on these meetings and events please contact The Network directly at info@nwhrn.org

- October 23, 2014: The NWHRN Hospital Emergency Preparedness Committee will meet to discuss hospital preparedness for Ebola as a part of the normal monthly meeting schedule.