



**HEALTHCARE EMERGENCY COORDINATION CENTER
SNAPSHOT REPORT #4 – EBOLA PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE
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SITUATION UPDATE

Per updated CDC guidelines, all travelers from the affected areas in West Africa are being monitored for 21 days after arrival in the U.S. The Washington state epidemiologist is thus working with local health officials to monitor five asymptomatic returning travelers to Washington. Locally, one nurse who did humanitarian work in West Africa and has returned to our area is under monitoring by Public Health – Seattle & King County. Four personnel associated with Joint Base Lewis-McChord are under monitoring by Tacoma Pierce County Public Health. 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. 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

- The Network's monthly Hospital Emergency Preparedness Committee met this morning for a discussion on EVD planning and response. Key items discussed include:
 - Protocols for notifying healthcare, local and state public health partners
 - Waste and fatality management
 - Challenges and gaps for EVD response
 - Personal Protective Equipment
- The Disaster Clinical Advisory Committee (DCAC), activated on Oct. 20, will reconvene within two weeks to continue discussions on evaluating EVD clinical guidelines for EVD care.
- Participating in a Multi-Agency Coordination (MAC) group with State Dept. of Health, local public health agencies (King, Pierce, Snohomish and Spokane counties) and Washington State Hospital Association to coordinate hospital EVD capabilities, clinical treatment protocols and identify 'Ebola Ready' healthcare centers.

KEY ACTIONS BY OTHER REGIONAL OR STATE AGENCIES

- Public Health – Seattle & King County is contacting funeral homes to determine their capability to transport EVD patient remains from hospitals

CURRENT NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

- CDC has released 'Recommendations for Safely Performing Acute Hemodialysis in Patients with Ebola Virus Disease in U.S. Hospitals': <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/guidance-dialysis.html>.
- CDC has also released 'Ebola-Associated Waste Management' guidance: <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/medical-waste-management.html>.
- CDC and ASPR released today 'Ebola Preparedness Considerations for Outpatient/Ambulatory Care Settings': <http://www.phe.gov/Preparedness/responders/ebola/Documents/ebola-preparedness-considerations.pdf>

- WHO has released an updated global 'Ebola Response Roadmap Situation Report' that includes a discussion of current transmission areas and illness in healthcare workers:
http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/137091/1/roadmapsitrept22Oct2014_eng.pdf?ua=1.
- Texas is engaging in community-wide collaboration to establish up a regional Ebola treatment center in at a Methodist Health System facility in Richardson:
<http://www.dallasnews.com/news/metro/20141022-how-warnings-from-ebola-case-spawned-richardson-treatment-unit.ece>.
- Reuters offers a discussion on the current state of Ebola vaccine research at the international level. Human trials in frontline healthcare worker could start as early as January:
<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/10/22/us-health-ebola-johnson-johnson-idUSKCN0IB0N420141022>.

