



## HEALTHCARE EMERGENCY COORDINATION CENTER - SNAPSHOT REPORT #5

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### SITUATION UPDATE

On Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> New York City a confirmed case of Ebola in a returned doctor who volunteered for an international aid organization. The patient returned from Guinea through JFK Airport on Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> and had undergone enhanced screening. The patient reported symptoms on Oct. 23 and has been transferred to Bellevue Hospital in NYC and is currently being treated in isolation. A 3-member CDC response team has been sent to NYC to provide technical assistance to the health department and the hospital. To date there are no changes in the number of confirmed or suspected cases of Ebola 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 is coordinating with King County EMS, Public Health – Seattle & King County, and local hospitals to discuss pre-hospital planning for Ebola patients.
- The Network continues to participate in the Multi-Agency Coordination (MAC) group with the WA State Dept. of Health.
- 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.

### KEY ACTIONS BY OTHER REGIONAL OR STATE AGENCIES

- Members of the State level MAC Group (including the Network) have identified seven health systems/hospitals throughout the state as potential Ebola treatment centers. The state Dept. of Health goal is within two weeks to assess the seven health systems/hospitals, identify gaps and challenges, draft clinical guidance, and finalize a list of 'Ebola Ready' facilities.

### CURRENT NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

- On Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>, CDC and ASPR released a Checklist for Healthcare Coalitions for Ebola Preparedness for communities: <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/pdf/coalition-checklist-ebola-preparedness.pdf>
- Both nurses diagnosed with Ebola in Dallas Texas have been cured of Ebola; one has been released from the hospital.
- A case of confirmed Ebola has been identified in Mali in a two-year-old girl who arrived from Guinea: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/10/23/us-health-ebola-mali-idUSKCNOIC2KS20141023>
- The NYC Mayor lead a press conference at 12:30 EST today concerning the newly diagnosed Ebola case in a doctor returning from west Africa. For a full transcript and video of the press conference see: <http://www1.nyc.gov/office-of-the-mayor/news/886-14/mayor-de-blasio-governor-cuomo-new-york-city-health-officials-host-press-conference-at>.
- The U.S. House of Representatives Government Oversight Committee held a hearing today on the national Ebola response:

- A new article has been published in JAMA Pediatrics on “Ebola Virus Disease and Children: What Pediatric Health Care Professionals Need to Know”. The full article is available at: <http://archpedi.jamanetwork.com/article.aspx?articleid=1918461>
- Vaccine trials for two possible Ebola vaccines are set to begin earlier than expected, in December 2014. Vaccinations could begin with healthcare workers and other high risk individuals such as burial workers: [http://www.nytimes.com/2014/10/25/business/ebola-vaccine-trials-planned-for-december.html?hp&action=click&pgtype=Homepage&version=HpSum&module=b-lede-package-region&region=top-news&WT.nav=top-news&\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/10/25/business/ebola-vaccine-trials-planned-for-december.html?hp&action=click&pgtype=Homepage&version=HpSum&module=b-lede-package-region&region=top-news&WT.nav=top-news&_r=0)