



HEALTHCARE EMERGENCY COORDINATION CENTER - SNAPSHOT REPORT #7

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SITUATION UPDATE

There are no active cases of Ebola in Washington State. Currently, two people continue to be monitored for symptoms of the Ebola virus by local health jurisdictions in Washington.

The CDC has issued revised guidance entitled "Interim U.S. Guidance for Monitoring and Movement of Persons with Potential Ebola Virus Exposure." The guidance includes definitions for: active and direct active monitoring; controlled movement; isolation; quarantine/ use of public health orders; federal communicable disease regulations and state/local jurisdiction authority for isolation and public health orders within their borders. The guidance addresses healthcare workers who may have provided care in a location other than the US, as well as healthcare workers providing care within the United States.

Included in the guidance are recommendations for the following types of monitoring and movement categories:

- Symptomatic individuals in the high, some or low (but not zero) risk categories
- Asymptomatic individuals in the high risk category
- Asymptomatic individuals in the some risk category
- Asymptomatic individuals in the low (but not zero) risk category
- Individuals in the no identifiable risk category

KEY ACTIONS BY NORTHWEST HEALTHCARE RESPONSE NETWORK

- Monitoring responses posted to the hospital preparedness survey
- Development of a draft All Hazards Healthcare Mutual Aid Plan based on the existing healthcare evacuation plans for all hospitals in King and Pierce counties. The plan addresses interhospital mutual aid to support the sharing of PPE, equipment and other resources during the initial response and until additional resources can be obtained through other sources.
- The Network participated as a panelist today in a webinar on 'The Role of Coalitions in Ebola Preparedness and Response' hosted by the National Healthcare Coalition Resource Center. Panelists representing healthcare coalitions, public health and medical equipment and supply distributors discussed EVD planning and preparedness activities from their regional perspectives, as well as key strategies to evaluate personal protective equipment stocks and coordinate public messaging.

KEY ACTIONS BY OTHER REGIONAL OR STATE AGENCIES

- WA Dept. of Health continues working to
 - finalize the EMS response plan along with training for healthcare providers
 - push out talking points in response to public information requests related to Ebola
 - finalize plan for public health system to support patient care at appropriate facilities within the state
 - support local health jurisdictions conducting disease surveillance and monitoring activities
 - secure agreements to support quarantine facilities and all support services on both sides of the state

CURRENT NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

- CDC updated Fact Sheet: Monitoring Symptoms and Controlling Movement to Stop Spread of Ebola <http://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2014/fs1027-monitoring-symptoms-controlling-movement.html>
- Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology webinar – Ebola Response Q&A Series: PPE Donning and Doffing. Oct 31, 2014 1p EDT/10a PDT <http://webinars.apic.org/session.php?id=14800>
- New England Journal of Medicine editorial entitled “Ebola and Quarantine”
- http://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMe1413139?query=featured_home&&
- Virginia and Maryland officials outline Ebola-monitoring plan following the updated CDC guidance. <http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/Virginia-Maryland-Officials-Outline-Ebola-Monitoring-Plan--280522172.html>
- Kaci Hickox, nurse under Ebola quarantine in New Jersey has been discharged and is returning to her home in Maine. <http://online.wsj.com/articles/nurse-being-held-under-ebola-quarantine-at-newark-hospital-will-be-discharged-1414418399>
- US soldiers returning from Liberia are being placed in quarantine for 21 days in Vicenza, Italy for “enhanced monitoring”. Currently there are 11 soldiers being quarantined, including the commander of the US Army in Africa, Maj. Gen. Darryl Williams. None of the soldiers being isolated are showing any symptoms. Another 75 service members will enter quarantine on the Vicenza base next week. http://www.cnn.com/2014/10/28/politics/starr-ebola-general-interview/index.html?hpt=hp_t1
- A joint program between the University of Washington’s School of Public Health and Public Health Seattle and King County is preparing to deploy software to better track disease outbreaks, including Ebola. <http://king5.mlnwap.com/article.html#!/53263/957cce62cc6a8c806515d59618c7d59e>
The project is part of a grant received from the Nat. Library of Med for the ‘2014 Disaster Health Information Outreach Awards’. UW’s medical library is one of four recipients across the country: <http://disasterinfo.nlm.nih.gov/dimrc/2014disasteroutreachawards.html>.
- US DHHS Administration for Children and Families, Office of Human Services Emergency Preparedness and Response website has information on Ebola planning considerations for human services programs. Included is information on the following: Supporting Public Health Outreach; Assisting People Staying at Home Following Possible Exposure; Reducing Stigma; Reducing Children’s Fears. <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ohsepr/resource/ebola-planning-considerations>
- Advice for Humanitarian Aid Workers Traveling to Guinea, Liberia, or Sierra Leone during the Ebola Outbreak, from the CDC <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/page/humanitarian-workers-ebola>
- American Nurses Association Ebola Information webpage <http://www.nursingworld.org/Ebola-Information>
- American Medical Association Ebola resource center webpage <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/physician-resources/public-health/ebola-resource-center.page>

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thursday, Oct 30, 2014 11a PDT/2p EDT, IAEM and NEMA are hosting a 90 minute free webinar for emergency managers on Ebola preparedness and response considerations. Learn directly from those involved – Dallas County Emergency Manager and Chief of Emergency Services Doug Bass will share thoughts about EM-specific issues including a Question/Answer period. <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/369794946> to register

- Tuesday, Nov 4, 2014. Washington Global Health Alliance presents Contagion-Ebola Facts & Fiction Town Hall. Town Hall Seattle (1119 8th Ave, Seattle) 6:30 – 8:30p lecture, 8:00 to 9:00p Reception.
<http://www.wghalliance.org/Events/EventList/TabId/246/ArtMID/831/ArticleID/64/Contagion-Ebola-Facts-Fiction-Town-Hall.aspx>