



HEALTHCARE EMERGENCY COORDINATION CENTER - SNAPSHOT REPORT #8

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SITUATION UPDATE

Washington State Department of Health in conjunction with local health jurisdictions continues to monitor seven individuals who have recently traveled to West African Ebola Virus Disease-affected areas. One traveler is being monitored by Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, and another is currently under monitoring by Public Health – Seattle & King County.

KEY ACTIONS BY NORTHWEST HEALTHCARE RESPONSE NETWORK

- NWHRN is receiving and analyzing results from its hospital survey to help determine EVD readiness. Starting tomorrow, NWHRN personnel will conduct phone interviews with survey participants to address any remaining issues and assess adequacy of hospital Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) stockpiles.
- A gap analysis will follow to assist facility/health system and Multi-Agency Coordinating System (MACS) participants with addressing key areas of EVD preparedness.

KEY ACTIONS BY OTHER REGIONAL OR STATE AGENCIES

- Pierce County has finalized EMS Guidance for Responding to Ebola Virus Disease. The Guidance includes protocols for 9-1-1 screening, dispatch, EMS provider PPE and Inter-facility Hospital Transfers.
- Public Health – Seattle & King County and Tacoma Pierce County Public Health have surveyed representative funeral homes and crematoriums to determine their ability to transport or cremate a body with known EVD. All organizations surveyed are comfortable handling bodies with EVD.

CURRENT NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

- The Pentagon will place all personnel returning from Operation United Assistance in West Africa on a “21-day controlled monitoring regimen”:
<http://www.defense.gov/Releases/Release.aspx?ReleaseID=17007>
- Emory Healthcare released an 84-page draft ‘Emory Healthcare Ebola Preparedness Protocols’: <http://www.emoryhealthcare.org/ebola-protocol/pdf/ehc-evd-protocols.pdf>
- FDA issued an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) on Oct. 25 for a commercial Ebola test manufactured by Biofire Defense, LLC for hospital use. The PCR-based test can confirm or rule out Ebola in symptomatic patients in approximately 1 hour:
<http://www.fda.gov/EmergencyPreparedness/Counterterrorism/MedicalCountermeasures/MCMLegalRegulatoryandPolicyFramework/ucm182568.htm#biofire1>.
- The CDC has begun holding its newly created three-day ‘Safety Training Course for Healthcare Workers Going to West Africa in Response to the 2014 Ebola Outbreak’. While courses are free, the International Society for Infectious Diseases is offering Travel Grants of \$500 each to U.S. residents and \$1000 to residents of other countries:
http://www.isid.org/grants/grant_ebola_training_travel.shtml.

- The World Health Organization approved a new experimental EVD vaccine trial by Swissmedic, the Swiss regulator for therapeutic products, for a trial at the Lausanne University Hospital. Trials in Lausanne will begin this week, with first results expected in December: <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/statements/2014/swissmedic-ebola-vaccine/en/>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- On Friday, Oct. 31 from 3 - 4 pm EDT, HHS will host a webinar on 'Preparing Your Healthcare System for Ebola' as part of a series of webinars for Hospitals and Healthcare Facilities:
<http://www.phe.gov/Preparedness/responders/ebola/call/Pages/default.aspx>.
- Activated on Oct. 20, the Network on Monday, Nov. 4 will reconvene its Disaster Clinical Advisory Committee (DCAC) to continue discussions on evaluating EVD clinical guidelines for EVD care.