



HEALTHCARE EMERGENCY COORDINATION CENTER - SNAPSHOT REPORT #9

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SITUATION UPDATE

Currently there are six travelers in Washington State being monitored by public health agencies. These people have all recently returned from a West African country where Ebola is present but they are not ill and are not exhibiting any symptoms that would suggest they have the virus. 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 analyzing results from its hospital survey to help determine EVD readiness.
- The Network today has canvassed survey participants to specifically assess adequacy of hospital Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) stockpiles
- A gap analysis will follow to assist facility/health system and Multi-Agency Coordinating (MAC) Group participants with addressing key areas of EVD preparedness.

KEY ACTIONS BY OTHER REGIONAL OR STATE AGENCIES

- WA State Dept. of Health has updated its 'Guidance for Local Health Jurisdictions Regarding Follow-up of Asymptomatic Persons with Potential Exposure to the Ebola Virus' and shared with local health jurisdictions on Oct. 28. The updated Guidance discusses types of monitoring for four categories of persons potential exposed to EVD: High Risk, Some Risk, Low but not Zero Risk, No Risk:
<http://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/5100/420-132-Ebola-LHJ-MonitoringGuide.pdf>.
- WA State Dept. of Health laboratory has finalized development of a Category A Shipping training course this week. Dates, locations, and registration information for those trainings will follow.
- WA State Dept. of Health has developed an Ebola wastewater treatment plan for hospitals and other healthcare facilities:
<http://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1000/EbolaWasteWaterHospital.pdf>.

CURRENT NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

- HHS has created an Ebola presentation template for organizations interested in giving a slide presentation on Ebola to their employees or staff. The slides can be customized with departmental or agency names and logos:
<http://www.phe.gov/Preparedness/responders/ebola/Documents/ebola-overview-template.pdf>.

- The InterAgency Board for Equipment Standardization and Interoperability released ‘Recommendations on Selection and Use of Personal Protective Equipment for First Responders against Ebola Exposure Hazards’:
https://iab.gov/Uploads/IAB%20Ebola%20PPE%20Recommendations_10%2024%2014.pdf.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- On Friday, Oct. 31 at 1pm EST, the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology is hosting a webinar on Ebola Response Q&A Series: PPE Donning and Doffing: <http://webinars.apic.org/session.php?id=14800>.
- 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 Tuesday, Nov. 4 will reconvene its Disaster Clinical Advisory Committee (DCAC) to continue discussions on evaluating EVD clinical guidelines for EVD care.
- On Tues., Nov. 4 at 7:30pm, the Washington Global Health Alliance hosts a Contagion-Ebola Facts and Fiction Town Hall:
<http://www.wghalliance.org/Events/EventList/TabId/246/ArtMID/831/ArticleID/64/Contagion-Ebola-Facts-Fiction-Town-Hall.aspx>.
- On Friday, Nov. 7 at 1pm EST, the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology is hosting a webinar on Ebola Response Q&A Series: Ebola Preparation for Outpatient Settings: <http://webinars.apic.org/session.php?id=14804>.
- On Wed., Nov. 12, at 2:00 p.m., U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee will hold a Full Committee hearing on the ‘U.S. Government response to the Ebola outbreak’. Witnesses include the secretaries of HHS and DHS; CDC director and NIH’s Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases director; and senior Defense Dept. officials:
<http://www.appropriations.senate.gov/news/chairwoman-mikulski-announces-full-committee-hearing-us-government-response-ebola-outbreak>.

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