



HEALTHCARE EMERGENCY COORDINATION CENTER - SNAPSHOT REPORT #10

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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 of the six people is scheduled to complete their monitoring today and will be discontinued from monitoring. 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

- Hosting weekly conference calls with a number of hospitals/healthcare systems that are working towards Ebola preparedness. The purpose of these calls is to share information, concerns, best practices and knowledge.
- The hospital preparedness survey has been completed and sent it on to DOH.
- A survey report is being developed from the responses to the additional hospital survey of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) stockpiles.
- A gap analysis will follow to assist facility/health systems and Multi-Agency Coordinating (MAC) Group participants with addressing key areas of EVD preparedness.

KEY ACTIONS BY OTHER REGIONAL OR STATE AGENCIES

- WA State Department of Health website offers Ebola fact sheets in a variety of languages including: Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Russian, Somali, Ukranian, Vietnamese and French. They are available at: <http://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/EmergencyPreparednessandResponse/Factsheets/Ebola>
- Public Health Seattle King County has developed an Ebola Toolkit for outpatient and ambulatory clinics which will be distributed soon.

CURRENT NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

- The World Health Organization has released new guidelines for the use of personal protective equipment: http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/137410/1/WHO_EVD_Guidance_PPE_14.1_eng.pdf?ua=1&ua=1 with technical specifications: http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/137411/1/WHO_EVD_Guidance_SpecPPE_14.1_eng.pdf?ua=1&ua=1
- The Dept of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration's website provides guidance for transporting Ebola Contaminated Items. "Department of Transportation Guidance for Transporting Ebola Contaminated Items, a Category A Infectious Substance" available at: <http://phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/phmsa-provides-guidance-for-transporting-ebola-contaminated-items>

- The CDC will be issuing guidance shortly for Ambulatory Care and Outpatient clinics for Ebola preparedness.
- The CDC and The Joint Commission held an Ebola Preparedness Joint Webinar on Oct 30th. The webinar is available for replay at:
http://www.jointcommission.org/topics/ebola_preparedness_resources.aspx
- World Health Organization's Ebola Response Roadmap Situation Report, as of Oct 31, 2014 is available at:
http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/137424/1/roadmapsitre_31Oct2014_eng.pdf?ua=1
- CDC has an updated graphic poster "How Germs Spread", available at:
<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/pdf/infections-spread-by-air-or-droplets.pdf>
- CDC has updated information regarding "Considerations for Discharging Persons Under Investigation (PUI) for Ebola Virus Disease (Ebola)", available at:
<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/considerations-discharging-pui.html>
- CDC has links to different posters that have been created to help inform the public and healthcare workers addressing different Ebola topics, available at:
<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/resources/posters.html>
- Medecins Sans Frontieres/Doctors without Borders has begun distributing antimalarial medications in Monrovia, Liberia. Basic healthcare in Monrovia has all but collapsed in recent months. Early symptoms of Malaria are similar to Ebola, so by providing antimalarials, MSF/DWB is hoping to ease the strain on the healthcare system. Information on this is available at: <http://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/article/msf-begins-malaria-program-ebola-ravaged-monrovia-liberia>

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tuesday, Nov. 4, The NWHRN Disaster Clinical Advisory Committee (DCAC) will meet to continue discussions on evaluating EVD clinical guidelines for EVD care.
- Tuesday, 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>.
- 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>.
- 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>.