



HEALTHCARE EMERGENCY COORDINATION CENTER - SNAPSHOT REPORT #11

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SITUATION UPDATE

Following suspicion that a Liberian woman in Portland, OR may have symptoms indicating Ebola Virus Disease, tests over the weekend indicated negative for EVD. Washington State Department of Health continues to monitor five individuals throughout the state for a 21-day monitoring period.

KEY ACTIONS BY NORTHWEST HEALTHCARE RESPONSE NETWORK

- Final preparations have been made for reconvening the Disaster Clinical Advisory Committee (DCAC) tomorrow to further discuss clinical EVD evaluation and treatment guidelines.
- Finalizing a state-wide Mutual Aid Plan for Healthcare Resource Sharing. Based on existing healthcare evacuation plans in King and Pierce Counties, this Plan will cover sharing of material and personnel between signatories in an "all-hazards" environment. A finalized Plan will be distributed later this week.
- The Network continues its collaborative EVD preparedness and response efforts with daily conference calls with Pierce County healthcare representatives (Health Dept, healthcare systems and EMS); weekly calls with key hospitals throughout the state; and twice weekly calls as a member of the state Multi-Agency Coordinating group.

KEY ACTIONS BY OTHER REGIONAL OR STATE AGENCIES

- WA Dept of Health (DOH) continues to work on identifying quarantine locations and services around the state, finalizing EMS transport routing protocols, protocols around increased contact monitoring, planning for contaminated residence clean up and communication with media outlets to prevent, among other things, the stigmatization of healthcare workers.

CURRENT NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

- CDC guidance for "Ambulatory Care Evaluation of Patients with Possible Ebola Virus Disease," updated Nov. 1: <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/pdf/ambulatory-care-evaluation-of-patients-with-possible-ebola.pdf>
- CDC's "Questions and Answers about CDC's Ebola Monitoring & Movement Guidance," updated Nov. 1: <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/exposure/qas-monitoring-and-movement-guidance.html>
- CDC's "Infographic – How Ebola is Spread," updated Nov. 1: <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/pdf/infections-spread-by-air-or-droplets.pdf>
- CDC "Information for Travelers," updated Nov. 3: <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/travelers/index.html>
- The National Association for Home Care & Hospice has created an Ebola Task Force with EVD related resources: <http://www.nahc.org/advocacy-policy/ebola-task-force-resources/>

- WHO posted today a feature article on how the “Government of Senegal boosts Ebola awareness through SMS campaign”: <http://www.who.int/features/2014/senegal-ebola-sms/en/>.

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>.
- Wednesday, 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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