



HEALTHCARE EMERGENCY COORDINATION CENTER - SNAPSHOT REPORT #13

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SITUATION UPDATE

Washington State Dept. of Health in conjunction with local health jurisdictions continue to monitor eight individuals throughout the state.

KEY ACTIONS BY NORTHWEST HEALTHCARE RESPONSE NETWORK

- The Mutual Aid Plan for Healthcare Resource Sharing was sent to those hospitals and healthcare systems across the state that indicated a willingness to treat EVD patients for signature. The Plan provides a framework and mechanism for sharing resources between hospitals during an incident or disaster, such as personal protective equipment.
- The Disaster Clinical Advisory Committee (DCAC) will meet again in late November to continue discussions related to Ebola preparedness and response planning. Notes from yesterday's meeting will be shared with clinicians.

KEY ACTIONS BY OTHER REGIONAL OR STATE AGENCIES

- Washington State Nurses Association (WSNA), Washington State Medical Association (WSMA), Washington State Hospital Association (WSHA), and the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) issued a letter with updated recommendations for triaging and evaluating patients with possible EVD.
http://www.wsha.org/files/82/DOH%20WSHA%20WSMA%20WSNA%20Letter_final2.pdf
- WA State Dept. of Health (DOH) will hold the first Category A shipper training tomorrow, Nov. 6, in Tacoma. Additional training dates are scheduled for Nov. 7 in Spokane, Nov. 10 and 14 in Tacoma, and Nov. 12 Ellensburg.
- WA Dept. of Health (DOH) received EPA guidance on "Interim disinfectants for use against the Ebola virus" and USDOT guidance on "Packaging and handling Ebola virus contaminated infectious waste for transportation to disposal sites" on 11/3. DOH is currently working to interpret this guidance to share with partners.
- WA State Dept. of Health (DOH) conducted a drill today, Nov. 5, to test the readiness of the Poison Center to respond to a surge in public inquiry phone calls.
- Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department issued Updated Guidance on Evaluation of Ebola Cases in Ambulatory Settings on Monday, Nov. 3.

CURRENT NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

- Lloyd's of London is offering the first EVD infection-specific indemnity coverage for healthcare workers and first responders: <https://epicrn.org/ebola-information>
- The African Vaccine Regulatory Forum (AVAREF) along with the World Health Organization (WHO) is holding a meeting looking to expedite approval of vaccines and therapies for Ebola http://www.who.int/medicines/news/AFR_reg_meet/en/

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thursday, Nov. 6 at 12:00pm, Friday, Nov. 7 at 10:30am, and Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 2:00pm WSHA will be hosting EVD training webinars on to assist organizations with EVD preparedness efforts:
http://www.wsha.org/files/82/DOH%20WSHA%20WSMA%20WSNA%20Letter_final2.pdf (page 2 of the letter).
- 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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