

Snapshot Report #14

HEALTHCARE EMERGENCY COORDINATION CENTER

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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 based on Ebola Virus Disease screening criteria.

KEY ACTIONS BY NORTHWEST HEALTHCARE RESPONSE NETWORK

- The Network convened for the first time its Executive Response Committee today to discuss protocols for referring state and local health jurisdiction-monitored patients to regional hospitals.
- The Network is researching the logistics of hospitals receiving potential EVD patients into their facilities from EMS transport agencies.
- The Network is following up on identified gaps based on hospital and health system responses to a survey completed last week assessing Ebola-ready capabilities.
- The Network participated in a webinar today with HHS and CDC officials sponsored by the American Hospital Association discussing an overview of their strategy for managing Ebola, tools used to assess hospital readiness, and personal protective equipment (PPE) supply issues. Key highlights include officials detailing the composition and scope of the CDC Rapid Ebola Preparedness teams that are providing guidance to hospitals that may become designated EVD receiving facilities; and discussing efforts by the CDC to purchase additional PPE for the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS). CDC emphasized that its PPE kits should only be requested as a last resort via normal SNS channels, and that these purchases will not impact current healthcare facility and system PPE orders.

KEY ACTIONS BY OTHER REGIONAL OR STATE AGENCIES

- University of Washington has detailed the campus' Ebola readiness operations and plans in an article, 'UW Ebola preparedness plans reflect changing situation': <http://www.washington.edu/news/2014/11/05/uw-ebola-preparedness-plans-reflect-changing-situation/>.

CURRENT NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

- The White House is requesting \$6.18 billion in Ebola response funds through an emergency funding request to Congress for preparedness initiatives abroad and domestically. The White House released a fact sheet yesterday, 'Emergency Funding Request to Enhance the U.S. Government's Response to Ebola at Home and Abroad': <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2014/11/05/fact-sheet-emergency-funding-request-enhance-us-government-s-response-eb>.

- CDC has updated its 'Interim Guidance for the U.S. Residence Decontamination for Ebola Virus Disease (Ebola) and Removal of Contaminated Waste': <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/residential-decontamination.html>.
- WHO: 'New study sheds light on the importance of supportive care for Ebola patients,': <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/ebola/06-november-2014/en/>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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>.
- Friday, Nov. 7 at 1pm EST, HHS and CDC host a 'National Call with Healthcare Coalitions on Ebola Preparedness and Response' to discuss how coalitions can be involved in Ebola planning and response for their communities.
- Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 2pm EST, 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 director of NIH's Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; and senior Defense Dept. officials: <http://www.appropriations.senate.gov/news/chairwoman-mikulski-announces-full-committee-hearing-us-government-response-ebola-outbreak>.
- Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 12pm PT, the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice at the University of Washington hosts a webinar on 'Ebola Preparedness in Washington State' as part of its Hot Topics series. State Epidemiologist Scott Lindquist, MD, MPH, will discuss Ebola preparedness efforts in Washington State: <http://www.nwcphp.org/training/opportunities/webinars/ebola-preparedness-in-washington-state>.

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