

Snapshot Report #16

HEALTHCARE EMERGENCY COORDINATION CENTER

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SITUATION UPDATE

Dr. Craig Spencer, the doctor who came down with Ebola not long after returning to New York from Guinea where he was treating patients, is now free of the virus and has been released from Bellevue Hospital. Bellevue Hospital has said that the hospital staff that cared for Dr. Spencer will now go through 21 days of monitoring for symptoms of the virus.

Bob Geldoff, famous for his organization of the music charity 'Band Aid' 30 years ago to help raise funds for famine relief in Ethiopia, is set to re-record the single "Do They Know It's Christmas" to raise money to fight Ebola. Musicians taking part in this new recording include: One Direction, Bono, Coldplay's Chris Martin, Ellie Goulding and Ed Sheeran. The lyrics will be updated to reflect the different circumstances of fighting the Ebola virus.

KEY ACTIONS BY NORTHWEST HEALTHCARE RESPONSE NETWORK

- Network staff continue to monitor Ebola resources for information pertinent to healthcare in our region. The need for daily conference calls has abated. The Network staff will convene conference calls for information sharing as the need arises.

KEY ACTIONS BY OTHER REGIONAL OR STATE AGENCIES

- The Public Health Seattle King County web page "Resources for healthcare and EMS providers has been updated as of November 10, 2014. The page is available at: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/communicable/diseases/ebola/providers.aspx>
- The Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department website continues to offer information about the Ebola virus for both the general public as well as healthcare providers. The information is available at: <http://www.tpchd.org/health-wellness-1/diseases-conditions/ebola/>

CURRENT NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

- CDC has posted updated materials – Information on Cleaning and Decontamination, with specific guidance for Residences; Airline Crews, Cleaning Personnel, and Cargo Personnel; Environmental Infection Control; and additional resources. Links are available at: <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/prevention/cleaning-and-decontamination.html>

- The US Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights releases a bulletin on HIPAA privacy in emergency situations:
<http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/understanding/special/emergency/index.html>
or <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/understanding/special/emergency/hipaa-privacy-emergency-situations.pdf>
- The HHS Health Information Privacy also offers a Decision Tool for Emergency Preparedness Disclosures, available at:
<http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/understanding/special/emergency/decisiontoolintro.html>

UPCOMING EVENTS

- On Nov. 18 at 7am – 10am PDT, the U.S. House Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations will hold a hearing with international NGO leaders on ‘Fighting Ebola: A Ground-Level View’:
<http://foreignaffairs.house.gov/hearing/subcommittee-hearing-fighting-ebola-ground-level-view>
- On Nov. 18 and 19, the U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold two Ebola related hearings. The Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations hearing will be held on Nov. 18 at 10am PDT with an ‘Update on the U.S. Public Health Response to the Ebola Outbreak’ with senior government officials including CDC Director Dr. Tom Frieden. The Nov. 19 Subcommittee on Health hearing at 7am PDT is on ‘Examining Medical Product Development in the Wake of the Ebola Epidemic’ with witnesses to be announced: <http://energycommerce.house.gov/press-release/committee-continue-oversight-ebola-outbreak-two-hearings-next-week>.