

Snapshot Report #18

HEALTHCARE EMERGENCY COORDINATION CENTER

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SITUATION UPDATE

Currently there are no active cases of Ebola in the United States, although numerous states continue to monitor people who have had contact with Ebola victims either here in the US or abroad. There are eleven people in Washington state that are currently being monitored for symptoms of Ebola.

KEY ACTIONS BY NORTHWEST HEALTHCARE RESPONSE NETWORK

- The Network will host a meeting on Ebola Preparedness for Outpatient and Ambulatory Care Clinics at Swedish Cherry Hill on Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 12pm – 1:30 pm

KEY ACTIONS BY OTHER REGIONAL OR STATE AGENCIES

- MultiCare Health System's Tacoma General Hospital is finalizing Ebola treatment protocols, staff training and physical treatment areas, based on guidance from Emory Hospital. Emory University Hospital Special Isolation Unit:
<http://emorymedicinemagazine.emory.edu/issues/2014/fall/features/special-isolation-unit/index.html>
- Joint Base Lewis McChord medical providers are hosting town hall gatherings to discuss Ebola. The meetings come after JBLM was identified as one of the bases that will monitor American troops finishing Ebola-response missions in Africa. The next town hall sessions held on Thurs, Nov 13 at 1p at McChord Theater; Thurs, Nov 13 at 6p at French Theater; and Thurs, Nov 14 at 1p at French Theater.
<http://www.king5.com/story/news/health/2014/11/12/jblm-ebola-town-hall/18946697/>

CURRENT NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

- C-SPAN book discussion with Richard Preston who authored "The Hot Zone: The Terrifying True Story of the Origins of the Ebola Virus", available at: <http://www.c-span.org/video/?322565-1/book-discussion-hot-zone>
- Ebola Virus Disease article from the Journal of the American Medical Association, volume 312, number 18, published online 11/12/14, available at: <http://jama.jamanetwork.com/article.aspx?articleid=1915432>
- CDC infographic poster entitled "Is it Flu or Ebola?" available at: <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/pdf/is-it-flu-or-ebola.pdf>
- CDC video "Respiratory Protection for Ebola"; discusses the use of CDC recommended personal protective equipment (PPE) for respiratory protection when caring for patients with Ebola Virus Disease, available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8y19h1hecgY&feature=youtu.be>

- US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) list of Disinfectants for Use Against the Ebola Virus, available at: <http://www.epa.gov/oppad001/list-l-ebola-virus.html>
- National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) article addressing MRC Units Preparing Their Communities for Ebola, available at: <http://nacchopreparedness.org/?p=3710>
- Doctors Without Borders will conduct trials at three treatment centers in Guinea and Liberia to trial several experimental Ebola treatments, available at: http://www.cnn.com/2014/11/13/health/west-africa-ebola/index.html?hpt=he_c2
- Mali battles Ebola outbreak, with Bamako's Pasteur clinic under quarantine, including about 30 people (medical staff, patients and 15 African soldiers from the United Nations mission in Mali). Story available at: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/afp/article-2830844/Mali-suffers-second-Ebola-case-death-nurse.html>
- Liberia lifts State of Emergency; statement from President H.E. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf <http://www.emansion.gov.lr/doc/State%20of%20Emergency%20Speech%20%28Presidents%29.pdf> and New York Times article http://www.nytimes.com/2014/11/14/world/africa/president-ellen-johnson-sirleaf-ends-state-of-emergency.html?_r=1

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thursday, Nov 13 at 1p at McChord Theater; Thursday, Nov 13 at 6p at French Theater; and Thursday, Nov 14 at 1p at French Theater; Community Town Hall meetings to discuss Ebola and JBLM as a monitoring location for troops returning from overseas Ebola missions. <http://www.king5.com/story/news/health/2014/11/12/jblm-ebola-town-hall/18946697/>
- Tuesday, 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>
- Tuesday and Wednesday, 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>.
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