

Snapshot Report #20

HEALTHCARE EMERGENCY COORDINATION CENTER

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SITUATION UPDATE

The Washington State Department of Health has announced that eight hospitals in Washington State have committed to working towards the level of preparation that is required for the ongoing care and treatment of a patient with Ebola. The identified hospitals are CHI Franciscan Health (Harrison Medical Center), MultiCare Tacoma General Hospital, Providence Regional Medical Center Everett, Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane, Seattle Children's Hospital, Swedish Medical Center (Issaquah), Virginia Mason Medical Center, and University of Washington (Harborview Medical Center, UW Medical Center, Valley Medical Center). The hospitals are working to meet CDC guidelines for Ebola treatment facilities.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and DHS have announced that enhanced airport entry screening will begin for travelers to the United States that are returning from Mali.

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

- Local EMS and hospitals continue to hold drills for Ebola preparedness and response

CURRENT NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

- A surgeon, who tested positive for Ebola while treating patients in Sierra Leone, was flown back to Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha for treatment over the weekend. Nebraska Medical Center reported this morning that he passed away:
<http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/sierra-leone-doctor-dies-of-ebola-at-nebraska-hospital/ar-BBehdds?ocid=ansnewsreu11>
- CDC has released an fact sheet on Ebola Information for West Africans Living in the United States: <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/pdf/information-for-west-africans-in-us.pdf>
- CDC has releases a fact sheet on How to Talk with your Children about Ebola: <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/pdf/how-talk-children-about-ebola.pdf>
- CDC and DHS have issued a press release that enhanced screening will begin for travelers returning to the US from Mali:
<http://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2014/p1116-travelers-from-mali.html>,
http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/11/17/us-health-ebola-usa-idUSKCN0J010S20141117?utm_campaign=KFF%3A+Global+Health+Report&utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=email&utm_content=14930112&hsenc=p2ANqtz-tLax5M-

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- The WHO reports on training and testing conducted in West Africa to identify if individuals have died from Ebola: <http://www.who.int/features/2014/ebola-swab-liberia/en/>
- Pew Research Center released a study stating that Ebola worries rise, but most are 'fairly' confident in government, hospitals to deal with disease: <http://www.peoplepress.org/files/2014/10/10-21-14-Ebola-Release.pdf>

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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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