

Snapshot Report #22

HEALTHCARE EMERGENCY COORDINATION CENTER

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SITUATION UPDATE

There are currently no confirmed or suspected causes of Ebola in Washington State. The Washington State Department of Health in conjunction with local health jurisdictions continues to monitor 12 travelers from Ebola affected countries.

KEY ACTIONS BY NORTHWEST HEALTHCARE RESPONSE NETWORK

- The Network hosted a meeting on Ebola Preparedness for Outpatient and Ambulatory Care Clinics at Swedish Cherry Hill on Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 12pm – 1:30 pm.
- The Network will hold a follow up meeting to today's Ebola Preparedness for Outpatient and Ambulatory Care Clinics meeting to address transportation issues. Date/time TBD.
- The Network and DOH, working with local health jurisdictions, are developing guidance for health departments for triaging and transport of Ebola patients
- The Network will be participating in a Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) call on Caring for Patients with Ebola in U.S. Hospitals: A Nursing Perspective, on Monday, Nov. 24.
- The Network participated in a conference call with the CDC, WA State Department of Health Public Health Laboratory and local hospitals about the care of Ebola patients

KEY ACTIONS BY OTHER REGIONAL OR STATE AGENCIES

- Local EMS and hospitals continue to hold drills for Ebola preparedness and response
- Washington State DOH will be placing an order this week for 72 sets of PPE that can be utilized by the Epi Task Force, Lab, Hospitals, etc.
- Washington State DOH will hold a drill of the Western Washington hard-walled quarantine facility on 11/20/14. A drill of the Eastern Washington hard-walled quarantine facility will be conducted the first week of December.

CURRENT NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

- U.S. Energy and Commerce Committee - Update on the U.S. Public Health Response to the Ebola Outbreak <http://energycommerce.house.gov/hearing/update-us-public-health-response-ebola-outbreak#sthash.LZr3dfme.dpuf>
- Cost to treat Ebola in the U.S.: \$1.16 million for 2 patients
http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-nation/wp/2014/11/18/cost-to-treat-ebola-in-the-u-s-1-16-million-for-2-patients/?tid=hpModule_9d3add6c-8a79-11e2-98d9-3012c1cd8d1e&hpid=z11&utm_campaign=KHN%3A+First+Edition&utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=email&utm_content=14960374&hsenc=p2ANqtz-

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- Gallup Poll ranks Ebola 3rd among the top health care concerns of Americans
<http://www.gallup.com/poll/179429/ebola-ranks-among-americans-top-three-healthcare-concerns.aspx>
- As Ebola scare dies down in U.S., infectious disease preparations wane
<http://www.latimes.com/nation/healthcare/la-na-future-of-diseases-20141115-story.html>
- Gates Foundation pledges \$5.7 million for Ebola research
<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2014/11/19/gates-foundation-ebola-research/19269053/>
- Ebola isolation solutions utilized by U.S. hospitals
http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_EBOLA_PREPAREDNESS?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT
- Cuban doctor catches Ebola in Sierra Leone
<http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/cuba-doctor-catches-ebola-sierra-leone-27013838>

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thursday, Nov. 20, Washington State DOH will hold a drill at the Western Washington hard-walled quarantine facility.
- Monday, Nov. 24, at 2-3pm EST, CDC hosts a conference call on 'Caring for Patients with Ebola in U.S. Hospitals: A Nursing Perspective'. Nurse leaders from Emory Healthcare and the University of Nebraska Medical Center will be on the call:
http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2014/callinfo_112414.asp.
- Thursday, December 18th, the Network, in partnership with Tacoma and Pierce County Public Health, will host a tabletop exercise (TTX) to evaluate Ebola planning and preparedness in Pierce County. Details on registration to follow.

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