

# Snapshot Report #23

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## HEALTHCARE EMERGENCY COORDINATION CENTER

**DATE: NOVEMBER 20, 2014**

**TIME: 1600**

### SITUATION UPDATE

There are currently no confirmed or suspected causes of Ebola in Washington State.

### KEY ACTIONS BY NORTHWEST HEALTHCARE RESPONSE NETWORK

- The Network is working closely with the Washington State Fusion Center and other partners to closely monitor the situation in Ferguson Missouri. The Network will provide updates to the Healthcare community regarding any incidents that may occur after the grand jury decision is released.
- The Network is attempting to fill one mutual aid resource request for PPE from a hospital planning for ongoing care of an Ebola patient. The request has been sent to all hospitals in Pierce and King County.
- Yesterday, 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 and has provided notes to local hospitals preparing for ongoing care of Ebola patients.
- The Network will hold a follow up meeting to yesterday's Ebola Preparedness for Outpatient and Ambulatory Care Clinics meeting to address issues related to transporting a suspected patient to a designated treatment facility. 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

### KEY ACTIONS BY OTHER REGIONAL OR STATE AGENCIES

- Local EMS and hospitals continue to hold drills for Ebola preparedness and response
- Washington State DOH held a drill of the Western Washington hard-walled quarantine facility today. A drill of the Eastern Washington hard-walled quarantine facility will be conducted the first week of December.

### CURRENT NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

- The CDC has released 'Best Practices for Procuring Personal Protective Equipment for Ebola Response': <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/procuring-ppe.html>
- The CDC has released a report of the 'Top 10 Things you Really Need to Know About Ebola': <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/pdf/top-10-things.pdf>
- The WHO has released an updated situation report on Ebola: <http://www.who.int/csr/disease/ebola/situation-reports/en/>

- The CDC has released a report on the '2014 Ebola Outbreak in West Africa - Cumulative Reported Cases Graphs': <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/outbreaks/2014-west-africa/cumulative-cases-graphs.html>.
- The Alliance for Health Reform published on Nov. 18 an EVD toolkit, 'Emergency Preparedness in the U.S.: The Ebola Threat': [http://www.allhealth.org/publications/Public\\_health/Ebola-Toolkit\\_161.pdf](http://www.allhealth.org/publications/Public_health/Ebola-Toolkit_161.pdf)
- 'How closely is Washington State monitoring ebola?': <http://crosscut.com/2014/11/18/health-medicine/122867/ebola-monitoring-washington-all-low-risk/>
- The CDC has released 'Communication Resources for West African Audiences': <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/outbreaks/2014-west-africa/communication-resources/index.html>
- The WHO released a story of 'When Ebola came calling: how communities in Sierra Leone face the challenge: <http://www.who.int/features/2014/ebola-community-care/en/>.
- Consider signing up for a Homeland Security and Information Network's (HSIN) by sending a request to [webmaster@wsfc.wa.gov](mailto:webmaster@wsfc.wa.gov). Check out the HSIN Healthcare and Public Health webpage at: <https://hsin.dhs.gov/slitt/WA/IP/Pages/Healthcare-and-Public-Health.aspx>

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- On Friday, Nov. 21, 2014, the Network will host an Ebola Preparedness Conference Call for hospitals planning for ongoing care of an Ebola patient and their local health departments. The topics will be waste management and patient transport.
- 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](http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2014/callinfo_112414.asp).
- The Network will be hosting a Disaster Clinical Advisory Committee Meeting on December 3, 2014
- 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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