

Snapshot Report #24

HEALTHCARE EMERGENCY COORDINATION CENTER

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SITUATION UPDATE

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

The Ferguson Missouri grand jury may reach a decision in the near future. The exact date and time for the grand jury announcement is not known. However, political leaders in St. Louis held a press conference this afternoon to address the police response to protests and schools in the Ferguson area have cancelled classes for next week. These events indicate that a decision could be announced between now and early next week.

KEY ACTIONS BY NORTHWEST HEALTHCARE RESPONSE NETWORK

- The Network is working closely with the Washington State Fusion Center and other partners to monitor the situation in Ferguson Missouri. The Network will provide updates to the Healthcare community regarding 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.
- The Network and DOH, working with local health jurisdictions, are developing guidance for health departments for triaging and transport of Ebola patients.
- The Network held conference call today with WA State DOH and hospital partners to address issues related to Ebola waste management and EMS transport.

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

- The CDC released Information on the Survivability of the Ebola Virus in Medical Waste: <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/survivability-ebola-medical-waste.html>
- Yesterday the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee approved on a voice vote \$1.8 billion in emergency aid for the U.S. Agency for International Development to provide additional assistance to West African countries stricken by Ebola: <http://blogs.rollcall.com/healthopolis/week-in-review-ebola-response/?dcz=>
- Stars and Stripes reports that the first groups of U.S. troops secluded for three weeks after returning from Liberia have not developed any Ebola symptoms and have all been released: 'First troops secluded after return from Ebola mission released',

<http://www.stripes.com/first-troops-secluded-after-return-from-ebola-mission-released-1.315390>

- The Department of Homeland Security will soon grant temporary protected status to people from Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone—the countries most affected by Ebola—who are currently residing in the United States.
http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/11/20/us-usa-ebola-immigrant-protection-idUSKCN0J41JS20141120?feedType=RSS&feedName=healthNews&utm_campaign=KFF%3A+Global+Health+Report&utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=email&utm_content=15001096&hsenc=p2ANqtz-8gCu2eHP5t6VZxsL-5kxWi42mHYkfp3g0O8jabkzn5-CRESryRgddmV2y7UqM6SpFg7vFutQPIVc5e2Xvdw2YsezqOTA&hsmi=15001096
- The WHO released Mali: Details of the additional cases of Ebola virus disease:
<http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/ebola/20-november-2014-mali/en/>
- The WHO released an updated situation report on Ebola:
http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/144117/1/roadmapsitrep_21Nov2014_eng.pdf?ua=1
- The WHO declares end of Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo:
<http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/statements/2014/drc-ends-ebola/en/>
- Bandits in Guinea steal suspected Ebola blood:
http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/A/AF_EBOLA_GUINEA_SAMPLES_STOLEN?SITE=TNMEM&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT
- Consider signing up for a Homeland Security and Information Network's (HSIN) by sending a request to 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

- Monday, Nov.24, the WATrac Command Center module will have a new look. Command Center has been redesigned so that Adobe Flash is no longer required. WATrac is key communication tool so please review the attached documents to become familiar with the changes.
- 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.
- 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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