

Snapshot Report #25

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 at least nine travelers from Ebola affected countries in West Africa.

Today at 6pm, the grand jury will announce its verdict in the Ferguson Missouri police shooting. The Northwest Healthcare Response Network Healthcare Emergency Coordination Center (HECC) will activate at that time to monitor the situation and provide updates as needed.

KEY ACTIONS BY NORTHWEST HEALTHCARE RESPONSE NETWORK

- The Network participated in a National Healthcare Coalition Resource Center webinar today with other coalitions sharing best practices regarding Ebola response efforts. The call focused on how coalitions across the country are supporting their healthcare members through initiatives such as personal protective equipment purchases.

KEY ACTIONS BY OTHER REGIONAL OR STATE AGENCIES

- CDC staff plan on visiting several Washington state hospitals in early December to assist with Ebola readiness.

CURRENT NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

- HHS held a call today on 'Caring for Patients with Ebola in U.S. Hospitals: A Nursing Perspective' with nursing leaders from the University of Nebraska and Emory University to discuss their lessons learned regarding Ebola care and treatment. Specific points addressed included the importance of staff training and protocol standardization. Slides from the call can be found at: http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/ppt/2014/11_24_14 Ebola_nursing_perspective.pdf.
- CDC released last week 'Interim Guidance for Managers and Workers Handling Untreated Sewage from Individuals with Ebola in the United States': <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/prevention/handling-sewage.html>.
- WHO Director-General Dr. Margaret Chen visited Mali to bolster UN support to the newest Ebola outbreak: <http://www.who.int/features/2014/dg-mali-visit/en/>.
- The New York Times discusses healthcare workers returning from West Africa following the October quarantine of a registered nurse, 'Notable Absence of New Ebola Quarantines at New York Area Airports': http://www.nytimes.com/2014/11/24/nyregion/notable-absence-of-new-ebola-quarantines-at-new-york-area-airports.html?utm_campaign=KHN%3A+First+Edition&utm_source=hs_email&utm_med

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- The Associated Press discusses how CDC is responding to the Ebola outbreak while looking ahead to bolster disease preparedness efforts in the developing world, 'US looking past Ebola to prepare for next outbreak':
<http://bigstory.ap.org/article/3fe72dfdde58492d89b413075b2a1ce1/us-looking-past-ebola-prepare-next-outbreak>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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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