

Ebola Update: August 13, 2014

Healix is closely monitoring the current outbreak of Ebola in West Africa, and will be sending regular updates and advice to our clients as the outbreak continues.

Update:

- It has been reported today that Germany has ordered all its citizens, except health workers, to leave Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia due to the risk posed by the Ebola outbreak in West Africa.
- Guinea-Bissau has shut its border with Guinea.
- Ghana will delay the opening of universities and colleges by at least two weeks so that they may put in place measures to screen students arriving from Ebola-hit countries.
- The BBC is reporting that World Health Organization (WHO) has classified Kenya as a "high-risk" country for the spread of the deadly Ebola virus, with the rationale that Kenya is vulnerable because it is a major transport hub, with many flights from West Africa.
- A panel of medical ethicists convened by WHO has approved use of experimental medications/vaccines for the Ebola outbreak. Following this announcement Canadian Health Minister Rona Ambrose announced Tuesday her government will donate between 800 and 1,000 doses of an experimental Ebola vaccine (VSV-EBOV) to WHO.

Clinics and Facilities Status in Affected Areas

Healix is in direct communication with those medical facilities that are still operating in the impacted regions. Please contact Healix directly for further information on the readiness of medical facilities in these areas.

Country Travel Advice Status

Sierra Leone: Warning Level 3 - Healix Recommend "Avoid Non-Essential Travel"
Guinea: Warning Level 3 - Healix Recommend "Avoid Non-Essential Travel"
Liberia: Warning Level 3 - Healix Recommend "Avoid Non-Essential Travel"
Nigeria: Alert Level 2 - Healix Recommend "Practice Enhanced Precautions"

Other African Nations Unaffected by Ebola

Healix recommend that travelers take usual precautions with vaccinations and travel arrangements but should be familiar with ["Ebola Precautions if Traveling to Africa."](#)

- Ebola Infection Table by Country:

Country	Suspected and Confirmed Case Count	Suspected and Confirmed Case Deaths	Laboratory Confirmed Cases
Sierra Leone	730	315	656
Liberia	599	373	362
Guinea	506	373	362
Nigeria	13	2	0
Benin	2	0	0
Spain*	1	1	0
United States*	2	0	2
Saudi Arabia*	0	1	0
TOTAL	1853	1065	1382

*Persons repatriated to these countries from affected countries