

Ebola Update: August 15, 2014

Update:

- Korean Air announced that it will suspend flights to Kenya beginning on 20 August in order to prevent the spread of Ebola.
- Kenya Airways announced that it will not suspend operations in Ebola-affected countries, after reviewing advice from several domestic and international organizations.
- Various health authorities are closely monitoring airline passengers for symptoms both within the affected region and at destination airports around the world. The risk of transmission of Ebola during air travel remains low and infected patients must be symptomatic in order to be contagious. Ebola is not airborne and can only be transmitted by direct contact with the body fluids of an infected, symptomatic person. In the event that someone on the aircraft is sick with Ebola the likelihood of other passengers and crew having contact with their body fluids is low.
- Albanian authorities have placed five illegal immigrants, believed to be of Eritrean origin, under quarantine today after exhibiting symptoms of Ebola. Earlier today Serbian authorities also quarantined a symptomatic traveler from an unidentified Western African country, joining thirteen other travelers from the region currently under medical surveillance. Should these cases become laboratory confirmed they would represent the first uncontrolled instances of Ebola in Europe.
- Guinea has declared a national health emergency in an effort to curb the spread of the Ebola virus.
- In comments issued today, Joanne Liu, the head of Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), indicated it will take six months to get the upper hand on the epidemic. Her comments came after a 10-day trip to the region.

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