

Ebola Update: August 18, 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:

- Cameroon closed its border with Nigeria on Sunday over Ebola concerns and all flights between the countries have been suspended.
- An Ebola quarantine center in Monrovia, Liberia was attacked and looted by an unidentified group of assailants. Some infected patients fled the facility and 17 patients remain missing. It is feared that a number of contaminated objects were stolen. There are conflicting reports about the motivation of the angry mob, including they may believe Ebola is a hoax and were unhappy with the presence of patients from outside the local area at the quarantine center. There is a great deal of distrust among some of the local populace over the actual existence of Ebola and how it may be spread.
- Kenya Airways has announced it will suspend flights beginning Tuesday to countries involved in the Ebola outbreak.

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

- Ebola Infection Table by Country (Updated as of 15 August):

Country	Suspected and Confirmed Case Count	Suspected and Confirmed Case Deaths	Laboratory Confirmed Cases
Sierra Leone	810	348	733
Liberia	786	413	190
Guinea	519	380	376
Nigeria	12	4	11
Spain*	1	1	0
United States*	2	0	2
Saudi Arabia*	0	1	0
TOTAL	2,127	1,145	1,310

*Persons repatriated to these countries from affected countries