

Ebola Update: August 25, 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:

- Democratic Republic of Congo authorities have confirmed Ebola in two of the thirteen suspicious deaths reported late last week in the remote northern province of Equateur. The disease appears to be a different strain than West Africa's outbreak and authorities are setting up a quarantine zone within a 100-km (62 mile) radius of Boende, where the cases had been registered.
- Nigeria reported two new cases, infected by their medical worker spouses who had cared for Liberia-American Patrick Sawyer, who flew into Nigeria from Liberia and Togo and infected 11 others before he died in July. Both medical workers were among the five fatalities to date in Nigeria. Five patients have recovered and four are currently being treated in isolation in Lagos.
- Ivory Coast has closed its land borders with Liberia and Guinea and banded flights from the two countries and Sierra Leone. Gabon has also announced it is barring all flights and ships from any of the stricken countries in West Africa.
- On Sunday a British health worker infected with Ebola in Sierra Leone was flown back to the UK on a Royal Air Force jet. It is the first confirmed case of a Briton contracting the virus during the current outbreak.
- Japan's Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said Tokyo can offer an untested drug developed by Toyama Chemical, a Fujifilm subsidiary, to help treat Ebola. The tablet, known as favipiravir, is in stock to treat more than 20,000 patients and was approved by Japanese health ministry in March to treat novel and re-emerging influenza viruses. Japan is waiting for more information from the World Health Organization regarding the use of untested drugs, although WHO did say earlier this month that given the severity of the Ebola outbreak it is ethical to treat patients with untested drugs.

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 (Updated as of 22 August):

Country	Suspected and Confirmed Case Count	Suspected and Confirmed Case Deaths	Laboratory Confirmed Cases
Sierra Leone	910	392	804
Liberia	1082	624	269
Guinea	607	406	443
Nigeria	16	5	12
Spain*	1	1	0
United States*	2	0	2
Saudi Arabia*	0	1	0
United Kingdom*	1	0	0
TOTAL	2,619	1,429	1,530

*Persons repatriated to these countries from affected countries