

Ebola Update: August 29, 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:

- Doctors have found the Ebola virus is accumulating new mutations as it spreads. In June 2014, an international team of researchers sequenced 99 Ebola genomes from 78 diagnosed patients in Sierra Leone. The simple genome, made of only seven genes, is rapidly mutating as it spreads across West Africa, meaning it may become harder to both detect and treat.
- Nigeria has confirmed the first death outside of Lagos, the country's main international transit hub. The doctor who died was located in Port Harcourt, Nigeria's oil hub.

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 28 August):

| Country | Suspected and Confirmed Case Count | Suspected and Confirmed Case Deaths | Laboratory Confirmed Cases |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Sierra Leone | 1026 | 422 | 953 |
| Liberia | 1378 | 694 | 322 |
| Guinea | 648 | 430 | 482 |
| Nigeria | 17 | 6 | 13 |
| Spain* | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| United States* | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Saudi Arabia* | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| United Kingdom* | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 3,073 | 1,554 | 1,772 |

*Persons repatriated to these countries from affected countries