

Update, 13 October:

- A second person in the United States has tested positive for Ebola. The nurse had helped treat the first patient, Thomas Eric Duncan, in Dallas, Texas, who died last week. The woman, who has not been publicly identified, is the first person to contract Ebola in the United States. The CDC has indicated the transmission to the nurse was due to a failure to follow protocol; however, they have not yet identified the exact chain of events. They are reviewing whether it occurred during intubation or dialysis, high-risk procedures that were performed in a last ditch effort to save the patient, or during the removal of contaminated Personal Protective Equipment by the nurse.
- The Attorney General for the US state of Louisiana, Buddy Caldwell, is seeking a temporary restraining order to block the disposal of incinerated waste that included Mr. Duncan’s personal items at a Louisiana landfill. "There are too many unknowns at this point, and it is absurd to transport potentially hazardous Ebola waste across state lines," Caldwell said Sunday.
- An ill passenger with flu-like symptoms on a United Airlines flight from New York to Los Angeles on Sunday triggered Ebola concerns. Upon landing the plan was directed to a remote gate at LAX and held for several hours. There appeared to have been some miscommunication regarding the passenger’s recent travel to the African continent, which turned out to be specifically South Africa. Once health officials determined the female passenger did not have Ebola, she and the other passengers were allowed to leave.
- Temperature screening of arriving passengers from the Sierra Leone, Guinea and Liberia began Saturday at New York’s JFK International Airport. Washington’s Dulles, Newark (New Jersey), Chicago’s O’Hare and Atlanta’s international airport will begin screening Thursday.
- European countries are not following the US example regarding screening of arriving passengers, health authorities in Europe view such screening as ineffective and disruptive – a view that is backed by the World Health Organization. Instead European countries appear to be relying on their own health systems to identify and isolate the spread of Ebola as and when it appears.
- Thousands of members of the National Health Workers Association in Liberia have planned a strike starting today, wanting an increase in the monthly risk fee paid to anyone treating Ebola cases. They also want protective equipment and insurance. Their current pay is US\$200 to \$300 a month with a risk fee of \$500. The health workers are asking for the fee to be increased to \$700 per month but the government says due to the scale of the outbreak it cannot afford the original risk fee.

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"
- DRC: Alert Level 2 - Healix Recommend "Practice Enhanced Precautions"
- Nigeria: Alert Level 1 - Healix Recommend "Practice Usual 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 (based on CDC reporting, updated as of 10 October):

Country	Suspected and Confirmed Case Count	Suspected and Confirmed Case Deaths	Laboratory Confirmed Cases
Sierra Leone	2950	930	2593
Liberia	4076	2316	943
Guinea	1350	778	1097
Nigeria	20	8	19
Spain	1	0	1
United States	2	1	2
Senegal	1	0	1
Spain*	2	1	2
United States*	5	0	5
Saudi Arabia*	0	1	0
Germany*	3	1	3
United Kingdom*	1	0	0
Total	8,411	4,036	4,666

*Persons repatriated to these countries from affected countries