

Update, 23 October:

- The United States will now monitor every traveller coming into the country from Sierra Leone, Liberia and Guinea. For three weeks after entering the US, the maximum incubation period of the Ebola virus, the CDC requires that individuals report their temperature daily along with any other potential symptoms like vomiting, unusual bleeding or bruising.
- Robotics scientists are looking into the possibility of robots performing the lifesaving tasks that healthcare workers currently do to contain the spread of Ebola. Waste removal and burying bodies bring humans in close contact with the virus; if robots could perform these tasks humans would have less exposure and more time to carry out tasks that require the dexterity robots are currently incapable of. Other possible uses scientists are discussing are robotic diagnosis and virtual family visits for patients in quarantine.
- Amber Joy Vinson, a nurse who was infected after she treated Dallas patient Thomas Eric Duncan, is now clear of Ebola. A second nurse who was in contact with Duncan and caught the virus, Nina Pham, has had her condition upgraded from fair to good. The hospital where all three were treated, Texas Health Presbyterian, will no longer admit additional cases. This is likely due to the extreme criticism they received from the handling of the first patient, Duncan, who died 8 October. Texas health officials will create two new Ebola treatment centers in the event that any new cases occur.
- North Korea said beginning tomorrow, Friday 24 October, it will no longer allow foreign tourists into the country due to fears of bringing the Ebola virus in. It has not been stated whether the ban includes diplomats and business travellers.

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 WHO and CDC reporting, updated as of 22 October):

Country	Suspected and Confirmed Case Count	Suspected and Confirmed Deaths	Laboratory Confirmed Case Count
Sierra Leone	3706	1259	3223
Liberia	4665	2705	965
Guinea	1540	904	1289
Nigeria	20	8	19
Spain	1	0	1
United States	3	1	3
Senegal	1	0	1
Spain*	2	2	2
United States*	5	0	5
Saudi Arabia*	0	1	0
Germany*	3	2	3
United Kingdom*	1	0	1
France*	1	0	1
Norway*	1	0	1
DRC**	68	49	38
Total	10,017	4,931	5,552

*Persons repatriated to these countries from affected countries

**The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) outbreak is unrelated to the epidemic in West Africa