

Ebola Update: 29 October 2014

- Kaci Hickox, the nurse who was quarantined at a New Jersey hospital upon arriving in the United States from West Africa, was allowed to leave the hospital and finish her 21-day quarantine at her home in Maine. Hickox has announced that she will take legal action against the state of Maine if they do not lift these restrictions. She is still completely asymptomatic.
- A 2-year-old in southern Guinea is believed to be "Patient Zero" for the current Ebola outbreak. Over a year ago the toddler contracted the disease, which eventually spread to his mother, 4-year-old sister and grandmother, killing all of them. Officials are uncertain how the boy was infected. The family lived in the village of Meliandou.
- The two-year-old girl from Mali who died after being infected during a trip to Guinea had taken a bus to return home. According to a report from the World Health Organization, she had contact with 57 people, 10 of whom are healthcare workers. 116 people in Mali are now under observation for symptoms.
- World Bank President Jim Yong Kim says more than 5,000 health workers are needed to fight Ebola in Sierra Leone, Guinea and Liberia, where the virus is tearing apart communities and killing thousands. Kim spoke in Ethiopia with U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon who added that the virus continues to outpace the international community's response. Both urged African Union members not to close their borders or impose travel restrictions as these precautions actually slow the containment of the disease by diminishing the number of medical professionals in the field.

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 25 October):

Country	Suspected and Confirmed Case Count	Suspected and Confirmed Deaths	Laboratory Confirmed Case Count
Sierra Leone	3896	1281	3389
Liberia	4665	2705	965
Guinea	1553	926	1312
Nigeria	20	8	19
Spain	1	0	1
United States	4	1	4
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
Mali*	1	1	1
DRC**	68	49	38
Total	10,222	4,976	5,743

*Persons repatriated to these countries from affected countries

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