

### Ebola Update: 3 November 2014

- Canada is suspending visa applications from residents and passport-holders from the West African countries involved in the Ebola outbreak (described as countries with “widespread and persistent-intense transmission, according to authorities). The decision follows similar actions by Australia. The WHO is highly critical of such bans, believing them to be counter-productive to the global response to the outbreak.
- Starting this Wednesday, citizens of Sierra Leone, Guinea and Liberia will require a visa to enter Singapore. The city-state is a major transportation hub and was affected by the SARS virus in 2003. Singapore’s health ministry said the visa requirement will allow for better tracing and oversight.
- A UN healthcare worker who contracted Ebola while working in Sierra Leone has been evacuated to a biocontainment unit at a French Army teaching hospital outside Paris.
- Teresa Romero Ramos, the Spanish nurse’s aide who contracted Ebola while caring for another patient has been moved out of isolation at Hospital Carlos III in Madrid, after tests showed Ramos no longer has the virus. She will be discharged pending additional tests.
- A state court judge in the US state of Maine lifted portions of his own temporary order restricting the movement of US nurse Kaci Hickox, who recently returned from treating Ebola patients in West Africa and who has stood up to quarantine requirements in New Jersey and Maine. The judge went further and sided with Ms. Hickox against the Governor and Maine’s Department of Health in reducing limitations on her movement. The nurse, who is asymptomatic, clears the 21-day incubation milestone on November 10th.

### 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 31 October):

Country	Suspected and Confirmed Case Count	Suspected and Confirmed Deaths	Laboratory Confirmed Case Count
Sierra Leone	5338	1510	3778
Liberia	6535	2413	2515
Guinea	1667	1018	1409
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*	2	0	2
Norway*	1	0	1
Mali*	1	1	1
DRC**	68	49	38
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,649</b>	<b>5,005</b>	<b>7,780</b>

\*Persons repatriated to these countries from affected countries

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