

Ebola Update: 6 November 2014

- The WHO reports it is continuing to see a slowdown in new Ebola cases in Liberia, although it is still increasing for Sierra Leone and is “stable” in Guinea.
- New York state health authorities report the number of people under active monitoring has more than tripled this week to 357. Most of the increase is made up of persons newly arrived from Sierra Leone, Liberia and Guinea; however, some are related to Dr. Craig Spencer’s case, the Ebola-infected physician currently hospitalized in Bellevue Hospital, New York City.
- US officials have indicated President Barack Obama will ask Congress for \$6.2 billion to fight Ebola in West Africa with the intent to avoid it spreading into the US. \$4.5 billion will be for immediate response needs and \$1.7 billion will be for a contingency fund.
- The US government has announced that approximately 70 uniformed US Public Health Service Commissioned Corps healthcare professionals will staff a clinic opening this weekend in the Liberian capital, Monrovia. The clinic was built by US military personnel. The 25-bed facility will focus on caring for infected healthcare workers. The Public Health Service workers have all volunteered for the direct patient care. Up to this point all US government personnel have served in construction and logistical support roles.
- A journalist in Sierra Leone, David Tam Baryoh, who has been critical of the Sierra Leone government’s response, was allegedly beaten and jailed by government officials following his interview with an opposition party spokesman. The government is apparently using emergency laws meant to contain the spread of Ebola for his incarceration. Local journalists have expressed concern over a government crackdown as the media seeks to keep on top of hundreds of millions of dollars in aid coming into the country.
- The WHO has lowered the Ebola total death toll estimate for the second week in a row, with 440 fewer deaths reported in Sierra Leone than in its data published on October 31st. The WHO indicates this is a result of improving the quality of its data.
- The head of the UN mission to fight Ebola, Tony Banbury, tells the BBC they do not have the resources to fight Ebola even with major contributions from the UK, US, Cuba and China. Banbury remains confident that by December they will achieve 70% bed space for new cases in West Africa and 70% safe burials.

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 5 November):

| Country | Suspected and Confirmed Case Count | Suspected and Confirmed Deaths | Laboratory Confirmed Case Count |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Sierra Leone | 4759 | 1070 | 4057 |
| Liberia | 6525 | 2413 | 2451 |
| Guinea | 1731 | 1041 | 1457 |
| 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 |
| Total | 13,124 | 4,588 | 8,043 |

*Persons repatriated to these countries from affected countries

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