

Ebola Update: 19 November 2014

- A Cuban doctor has contracted Ebola in Sierra Leone. Felix Baez is a member of the 165-person Cuban medical team in Sierra Leone and tested positive on Monday. He will be treated in Geneva.
- An Indian Ebola survivor who has not had the virus in his blood stream since testing negative on September 30th is now in quarantine in New Delhi. Upon returning from Liberia on November 10th, Indian officials tested all of his bodily fluids and found the virus still in his semen. Research has shown Ebola can survive in semen up to 90 days after bloods tests are negative. The man, an Indian national, is not showing any symptoms of the disease but health authorities say they will hold him in isolation in a special health facility inside the Delhi Airport Health Organization until all of his bodily fluids test negative. India appears to be the first country to continue to quarantine recovered male patients until every trace of the virus is no longer detectable in the semen.
- A new study will test the effectiveness of using the blood of Ebola survivors to treat patients. Plasma from those who have beaten the disease contains antibodies that fight the virus and some patients who have been treated with it have survived. The study will begin within a month and funding has been bolstered by a \$5.7M donation from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

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"
 Mali: 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 14 November):

Country	Suspected and Confirmed Case Count	Suspected and Confirmed Deaths	Laboratory Confirmed Case Count
Sierra Leone	5586	1187	4683
Liberia	6878	2812	2562
Guinea	1919	1166	1647
Nigeria	20	8	19
Spain	1	0	1
United States	4	1	4
Senegal	1	0	1
Spain*	2	2	2
United States*	6	1	6
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	14,493	5,230	8,971

*Persons repatriated to these countries from affected countries

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

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