

Ebola

Idaho Ebola Preparedness Weekly Update



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For the Week of November 10 through 14, 2014

Idaho public health officials are closely monitoring Ebola activity worldwide, while simultaneously preparing for a possible suspect or confirmed case of Ebola virus disease (EVD) in Idaho. We will post weekly updates at www.ebola.idaho.gov every Friday or Monday until further notice.

Current Worldwide 2014 Ebola Outbreak Information

As of November 9, 2014

Total cases: 14,098

Total laboratory-confirmed cases: 8,715

Total deaths: 5,160

Case Counts in Countries with Widespread Transmission – Reported as of November 7, 2014

Guinea	1878	1612	1142
Liberia	6822	2553	2836
Sierra Leone	5368	4523	1169
Total	14,068	8,688	5,147

Case Counts in the United States– Reported as of November 7, 2014

Idaho	0	0	0
All Other States	4	4	1
Total	4	4	1

Source: www.cdc.gov/Ebola

Highlights of Ebola Preparedness Activities in Idaho

During the week of November 10 through 14, the following Ebola preparedness activities took place in Idaho:

Idaho Department of Health and Welfare	
Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Hahn met with administrators in Idaho Department of Health Welfare (IDHW) Region 3 to discuss Ebola. • The weekly call between IDHW, Bureau of Homeland Security (BHS), Regional Response Teams (RRTs)/Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and Public Health Districts (PHDs) was held on 11/13/2014. RRTs reported good preparedness for transport of a potential Ebola patient including availability of necessary PPE. Training materials will be prepared and distributed for rural Ems units on responding to and transporting a potential Ebola patient.
Exercises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bureau of Communicable Disease Prevention's (BCDP) Epi program initiated a drill with the PHDs to test timeliness and ease of communication process and data entry into the Idaho Outbreak Management System for fictitious travelers potentially exposed to Ebola virus.
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An email was sent to commercial and general aviation airports statewide providing resources to help them in their planning efforts for a potential case of Ebola at their facility. The PHDs were also included in this email. • Interim guidance for public health officials on Ebola and companion animals has been provided to designated state public health veterinarians. • Dr. Tengelsen is working with the Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) to develop Idaho guidelines for pets of persons who were potentially exposed to Ebola virus. If you have any questions about pets and Ebola, see the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) website http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/transmission/qas-pets.html or contact Dr. Tengelsen (BCDP Epi program main line, 208-334-5939). • Disseminated "Guidance for Screening and Caring for Pregnant Women with Ebola Virus Disease for Healthcare Workers in U.S. Hospitals" and "Respiratory Protection for Ebola."

Panhandle Health District – PHD1	
Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with first receivers and first responders in one of the counties to discuss Ebola preparedness. • Participated in a follow up conference call with Dr. Chris Hahn to discuss active monitoring protocol. • Participated in the weekly conference call for Idaho BHS, State EMS, Regional HazMat, IDHW, and PHDs • Participated in the weekly conference call for IDHW and PHD directors.
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Panhandle Health District SitRep was issued to key stakeholders on 11/7/2014. • On 11/12/2014 a public health update was issued district wide. • Regular contact with Region 1 Healthcare Coalition, including hospitals, EMS agencies, and emergency managers throughout the district to provide them with the latest guidance from the CDC to share best practices.
Other Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public health updates are being distributed weekly to those interested in receiving the most current Ebola information.

Public Health – Idaho North Central District – PHD2	
Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Ebola calls
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate information was forwarded through email to stakeholders.

Southwest Health District – PHD3	
Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Health Preparedness (PHP) manager spoke with numerous employees of statewide agencies regarding Ebola planning and preparedness at the Certified Public Manager training on 11/12/2014 and 11/13/2014 • PHP staff attended the Treasure Valley Business Continuity Planning meeting in Boise on 11/12/2014. • The Southwest District Health (SWDH) district director attended the IDHW PHD weekly Ebola conference call on 11/14/2014. • Epis met with West Valley Medical Center and St. Al's to discuss Ebola triage and personal protective equipment (PPE) needs.

Exercises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The PHP planner attended the Treasure Valley Business Continuity Planning meeting in Boise on 11/12/2014, which had representatives from PHD3 and PHD4. The meeting included Ebola based presentations and a tabletop exercise regarding the economic impact to businesses if they had employees present with Ebola systems. On 11/12/2014, SWDH Epis participated in a statewide contact tracing exercise coordinated by IDHW BCDP that tested: timeliness and ease of internal IDHW BCDP communications of CDC Division of Global Migration and Quarantine (DGMQ) traveler notifications, BDCP communication of traveler notification to PHDs, PHD entry of traveler information into Outbreak Management Systems (OMS), and PHD use of the Ebola 21-day monitoring form.
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical alert sent out on 11/14/2014 to the ambulatory care partners in PHD3.
Other Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Epis are finalizing the SWDH Ebola plan. On 11/13/2014, SWDH Epis also met to discuss additional possible PPE requirements and to review the exercise from 11/12/2014.

Central District Health Department – PHD4	
Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Treasure Valley Business Continuity Planning Group meeting facilitated a town hall type discussion with questions and answers for participants with representatives from SWDH department, CDH department and IDHW.
Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided two presentations to the staff at the Best Western Airport Hotel on topics including Ebola basics, pandemic and seasonal influenza basics, and individual and family emergency preparedness.
Exercises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Epi staff participated in a monitoring exercise conducted by IDHW Epi staff.
Other Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responded to a request from Mountain Home police department regarding PPE.

Southeastern Idaho Public Health – PHD6	
Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PHD directors call on Ebola.
Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participated in IDHW state and EMS Ebola call
Exercises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participated in statewide Ebola traveler’s drill
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participated in infection control meeting with Bingham Memorial Hospital Scheduled a meeting with State Hospital South to discuss Ebola readiness Disseminated “Guidance for Screening and Caring for Pregnant Women with Ebola Virus Disease for Healthcare Workers in U.S. Hospitals” and “Respiratory Protection for Ebola” video to Southeastern Idaho Healthcare Coalition.

Eastern Idaho Public Health District – PHD7	
Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitated Fremont County planning meeting including county and city officials, local school districts, local clinics, Bureau of Homeland Security and first responders. Facilitated Jefferson County planning meeting including county and city officials, Bureau of Homeland Security and first responders. Participated in IBHS, IDHW, State EMS, and regional Hazmat teams for statewide Ebola updates.
Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algorithm designed for evaluating Ebola risk for EIPH clients/patrons. On 11/10/2014, EIPH staff educated on algorithm.
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continually updating website and Facebook. Ebola information emailed to Fremont county and Jefferson county meeting participants with resources, training opportunities, CDC guidelines, education materials, etc. Working with Madison Memorial Hospital on developing an Ebola fact sheet. Continually distributing updates to the Healthcare Coalition as they become available.

