

Ebola

Idaho Ebola Preparedness Weekly Update



IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH & WELFARE

For the Week of December 15 through 19, 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 December 14, 2014

Total cases: 18,603

Total laboratory-confirmed cases: 11,807

Total deaths: 6,915

Case Counts in Countries with Widespread Transmission – Reported as of December 14, 2014

Guinea	2416	2127	1525
Liberia	7797	2946	3290
Sierra Leone	8356	6702	2085
Total	18,569	11,775	6,900

Case Counts in the United States with Localized Transmission – Reported as of December 14, 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

Monday, December 22nd, will be the last issue of the Ebola Preparedness Weekly Update to be published in 2014. The Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Preparedness will resume publication on January 5, 2015. Happy Holidays!

For the week of December 15 through 19, the following activities took place in Idaho:

Idaho Department of Health and Welfare	
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Hahn gave a presentation about Ebola to public health staff and healthcare workers at Portneuf Medical Center in Pocatello. Dr. Hahn and Dr. Carter participated in two conference calls on 12/17/2014 regarding monitoring of United States Public Health Service (USPHS) Officers returning from a clinical mission in West Africa.
Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 12/15/2014, an EMS and Ebola training was available for those who would like to learn more about field experiences of EMS personnel and to discuss unique planning considerations for EMS.

Panhandle Health District – PHD1	
Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Panhandle Health District staff participated in a conference call with Dr. Carter and Dr. Roscoe to discuss Ebola planning at the local and state levels. This included discussing procedures for notifying CDC of a potentially symptomatic patient, the establishment of bridge calls for information sharing and the process for transporting a blood sample for lab testing. The Panhandle Health District staff attended the North Idaho Emergency Managers Workshop and provided an update on Ebola planning.
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Panhandle Health District staff has been in regular contact with local hospitals and EMS providers as they worked toward finalizing the partner notification and transportation plan.

Public Health – Idaho North Central District – PHD 2	
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forwarded appropriate information to stakeholders through email.

Southwest Health District – PHD3	
Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Southwest District Health (SWDH) Epi staff held an Ebola training comprised of two sessions for the Ebola Response Team (ERT) and front line staff. The first session was to review Ebola protocols in case a potential client might present with symptoms or respond affirmatively to questions regarding travel to Ebola affected areas. The second session was training for the ERT members on the correct donning and doffing of personal protective equipment (PPE) in responding to an Ebola case. The training will be followed up by a tabletop and functional exercise.

Southeastern Idaho Public Health – PHD6	
Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participated in the Public Health District (PHD) Directors call on Ebola. Epidemiologists and Public Health Preparedness (PHP) representatives attended Dr. Hahn’s update on Ebola at Portneuf Medical Center.
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participated in the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Ebola conference call pertaining to Field Experience with Transporting Patients. Attended Emerging Diseases: It’s a Small World After All webinar from the National Library of Medicine. Forwarded CDC Ebola Summary, surveillance tracking sheets and Category A packing/shipping training from Idaho Labs to community partners.

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Eastern Idaho Public Health District – PHD7

Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participated in a Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) conference call, EMS and Ebola, Field Experience with Transporting Patients.
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Distributed guidelines on Ebola medical waste to the Healthcare Coalition.• Distributed guidelines on how to handle untreated sewage to the Healthcare Coalition.• Distributed Disaster Mental Health (DMH) Responder newsletter.• Continually updating website and Facebook.• Continually distributing updates to the Healthcare Coalition as they become available.