

Ebola

Idaho Ebola Preparedness Weekly Update



IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH & WELFARE

For the Week of November 24 through 28, 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 23, 2014

Total cases: 15,935

Total laboratory-confirmed cases: 10,050

Total deaths: 5,689

Case Counts in Countries with Widespread Transmission – Reported as of November 23, 2014

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| Guinea | 1971 | 1698 | 1192 |
| Liberia | 7069 | 2643 | 2964 |
| Sierra Leone | 6073 | 5056 | 1250 |
| Total | 15,901 | 10,018 | 5,674 |

Case Counts in the United States with Localized Transmission – Reported as of November 23, 2014

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| 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

Due to the Holidays, activities were light for the week of November 24 through 28, but the following activities took place in Idaho:

Idaho Department of Health and Welfare

Communications

- Dr. Hahn briefed Region 4 on Ebola preparedness.
- Elke Shaw-Tulloch and Dr. Hahn continued discussions with the Idaho Hospital Association regarding Ebola response and the CMS Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA).
- The CDC will be publishing a document about levels of tiers for hospital response. The tiers being proposed are frontline hospitals, assessment hospitals, and Ebola treatment facilities. IDHW continues to monitor the CDC website for guidance about the proposed tiered system.
- On 11/27/2014, a State Communications (StateComm) bridge call was conducted regarding a traveler from Nigeria who returned to Idaho this week.
- The Public Health Preparedness Program met with the Incident Management Team to discuss protocols for a symptomatic potential Ebola patient.

Central District Health Department – PHD4

Meetings

- Monday morning weekly update and reviewed activities related directly to Ebola.