

# Ebola

## Idaho Ebola Preparedness Weekly Update



IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF  
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### For the Week of November 17 through 21, 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](http://www.ebola.idaho.gov) every Friday or Monday until further notice.

#### Current Worldwide 2014 Ebola Outbreak Information

As of November 16, 2014

Total cases: 15,145

Total laboratory-confirmed cases: 9,427

Total deaths: 5,420

#### Case Counts in Countries with Widespread Transmission – Reported as of November 16, 2014

Guinea	1971	1698	1192
Liberia	7069	2643	2964
Sierra Leone	6073	5056	1250
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,113</b>	<b>9,397</b>	<b>5,406</b>

#### Case Counts in the United States with Localized Transmission – Reported as of November 16, 2014

Idaho	0	0	0
All Other States	4	4	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>

Source: [www.cdc.gov/Ebola](http://www.cdc.gov/Ebola)

## Highlights of Ebola Preparedness Activities in Idaho

During the week of November 17 through 21, the following Ebola preparedness activities took place in Idaho:

Idaho Department of Health and Welfare	
<b>Communications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With assistance from the Public Health Districts (PHDs), Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW) completed a survey of acute care hospitals which had exercised protocols for receiving a first potential Ebola patient in the last 6 weeks. The majority have done at least one exercise of this type and an additional 20% plan to exercise facility protocols in the next couple of weeks.</li> <li>• With assistance from the PHDs, IDHW completed a query of acute care hospitals on the availability of personal protective equipment (PPE) needed for treatment of Ebola patients. Most hospitals are experiencing some delays in receiving orders from vendors but provision of daily care is not being impacted. Hospitals would like to stockpile additional supplies as possible. The majority of hospitals participate in collaborative arrangements to share with regional and corporate partners to augment supplies if needed.</li> <li>• The Idaho Bureau of Laboratories (IBL) is now approved to perform testing on suspected Ebola virus disease (EVD) samples.</li> </ul>

Panhandle Health District – PHD1	
<b>Meetings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The staff met with a local hospital's Ebola preparedness group and provided information on the Panhandle Health District's plan for direct active monitoring.</li> <li>• Planning information was shared on the steps that the Panhandle Health District and local hospitals would take if the person being monitored becomes symptomatic.</li> <li>• The staff met with the Idaho Region 1 funeral home directors meeting to discuss CDC mortuary services guidance.</li> <li>• Participated in the weekly conference call for the IDHW and Panhandle Health District directors.</li> </ul>
<b>Communications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Situation Report was issued to key stakeholders on 11/14/2014.</li> <li>• Public health update issued district wide on 11/18/2014.</li> <li>• Regular contact with Region 1 Healthcare Coalition, including hospitals, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) agencies and emergency managers throughout the district, also providing them with the latest guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and sharing best practices.</li> </ul>
<b>Other Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public health updates are being distributed weekly to those who are interested in receiving the most current Ebola information.</li> </ul>

Public Health – Idaho North Central District – PHD2	
<b>Meetings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participated in state Ebola calls.</li> <li>• Hosted a Healthcare Coalition meeting. Attendees included local hospitals, neighboring Washington hospitals and Whitman County public health.</li> <li>• Ebola discussion with a local university.</li> </ul>
<b>Exercises</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participated in an Ebola exercise with a local hospital.</li> <li>• Participated in an Idaho Resource Tracking System (IRTS) exercise.</li> </ul>
<b>Communications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forwarded appropriate information to stakeholders through email.</li> <li>• Local university Ebola discussion.</li> <li>• Local emergency planning committee updates on Ebola.</li> </ul>

Southwest Health District – PHD3	
<b>Meetings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Health Preparedness (PHP) staff participated in the monthly Nampa Caring Community (a faith-based group) meeting on 11/20/2014. Southwest Health District (SWHD) provided an overview of Ebola initiatives/status and urged the committee to review Ebola information on their website.</li> <li>• The public information officer (PIO) participated in a webinar from the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice on 11/18/2014.</li> <li>• Distributed an article from the Texas Department of State Health Services PIO. The article released information on the first case, first death, and first transmission of Ebola.</li> <li>• The district director participated in the weekly Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW)/District</li> </ul>

	<p>Directors' Ebola conference call on 11/21/2014.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Epi staff participated in the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Hosts' Travelers Health Outreach conference call on 11/20/2014.</li> </ul>
<b>Training</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weekly SWDH Ebola response workgroup meeting on 11/19/2014</li> </ul>
<b>Exercises</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No activities but actively preparing for the joint Regional Healthcare Coalition (RHCC) tabletop exercise on 12/9/2014. Multiple partners are registered for this exercise with a national company hosting it.</li> </ul>
<b>Communications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provided information to community clinic administrators, clinics, and urgent care centers on how to evaluate a potential Ebola patient who presents at an ambulatory care center</li> </ul>
<b>Other Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A small amount of PPE has been ordered for the Ebola Response Team to use in case they should need it.</li> <li>The PPE will also be used to train staff in appropriate donning and doffing procedures and to have available go-kits in the main and satellite offices.</li> </ul>

Central District Health Department – PHD4	
<b>Meetings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Central District Health Department (CDHD) director met with representatives from Ada county paramedics to discuss Ebola response protocols.</li> </ul>
<b>Training</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Northwest Center for Public Health Practice (NWCPHP) Hot Topics Webinar for Ebola response in Washington</li> <li>Gave two presentations on Workplace Wellness and Emergency Preparedness to staff at the Best Western Airport Inn. Topics included a section on Ebola basics.</li> </ul>
<b>Communication</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On behalf of health districts 3 and 4, CDHD PIO issued a community partners email on 11/17/2014 regarding the addition of Mali among areas where U.S. travelers are receiving enhanced airport screening.</li> <li>On 11/17/2014, the PIO participated in a conference call with community partners, out of state individuals and CDC staff.</li> </ul>
<b>Other Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participated in a statewide hospital survey regarding concerns of approved PPE shortages for Ebola.</li> <li>Communicated with hospital partners concerning their past and future exercises/activities on Ebola response. Consolidated information and forwarded to the state PHP program.</li> </ul>

Southeastern Idaho Public Health – PHD6	
<b>Meetings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participated in the PHD's Director's call on Ebola.</li> <li>Isolation/quarantine meeting with the Bingham County Sheriff's office and emergency management.</li> <li>Provided an Ebola update and question/answer period at the regional Healthcare Coalition meeting.</li> </ul>
<b>Exercises</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed a statewide Ebola PPE and exercise drill.</li> </ul>
<b>Communications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated Ebola body handling guidelines and sent to the Healthcare Coalition, county emergency managers, and other community partners.</li> <li>Invited Healthcare Coalition to the national Ebola Coalition conference call.</li> </ul>

Eastern Idaho Public Health District – PHD7	
<b>Meetings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Met with the Eastern Idaho Healthcare Coalition and addressed Ebola response within the district.</li> </ul>
<b>Exercises</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participated in the hospital IRTS query/Ebola exercise where resource information on hospital PPE was attained.</li> </ul>
<b>Communications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continually updating website and Facebook.</li> <li>Meeting between hospitals and Dr. Hahn will be taking place 12/4/2014 at 12:00pm mountain time. Local response partners are also invited to participate.</li> <li>Continually distributing updates to the Healthcare Coalition as they become available.</li> </ul>