

Ebola

Idaho Ebola Preparedness Weekly Update



IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH & WELFARE

For the Week of October 27 through 31, 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 October 31, 2014

Total cases: 13,703

Total laboratory-confirmed cases: 7,632

Total deaths: 4,920

Case Counts in Countries with Widespread Transmission – Reported as of October 31, 2014

Country	Total Cases	Laboratory-Confirmed Cases	Total Deaths
Guinea	1906	1391	997
Liberia	6535	2515	2413
Sierra Leone	5235	3700	1500
Total	13676	7606	4910

Case Counts in the United States with Localized Transmission – Reported as of October 31, 2014

State	Total Cases	Laboratory-Confirmed Cases	Total Deaths
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 October 27 through 31, the following activities took place in Idaho:

Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW)	
Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the Fall Epidemiology Conference a special session was held to discuss monitoring and movement of persons with Ebola virus disease exposure after those persons arrive in the United States from one of the West African countries impacted by widespread Ebola virus transmission. • The Public Information Officers conducted a conference call with the seven Public Health Districts statewide to discuss the volume of calls from the public to the PHDs and their local hospitals, information sharing, and resources available for public dissemination. • Staff participated in a call with the neighboring states of Washington and Oregon to discuss regional approaches to management of Ebola patients. • Staff attended a conference call conducted by the Bureau of Homeland Security with representatives from Fire/EMS agencies that provide regional HazMat Rapid Response Teams and the Idaho National Laboratory Fire Department. Ebola response preparedness planning and training was the focus of the call. • Staff facilitated a conference call with the Public Health District Directors to obtain Ebola-related situational awareness from around the state of Idaho. • IDHW staff has convened conference calls every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday to discuss Ebola-related activities and coordination.
Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff participated on an Ebola waste system management conference call as a training opportunity. • Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance "Identify, Isolate, Inform: Emergency Department Evaluation and Management for Patients Who Present with Possible Ebola Virus Disease" was sent to Idaho infectious disease physicians and all Public Health Districts.
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IDHW communicated with acute care hospitals in the state on hospital training and exercises to prepare for a possible Ebola patient. • IDHW communicated with acute care hospitals to survey supplies of personal protection equipment to ensure healthcare worker safety in the event of an Ebola patient. • The public is encouraged to questions about Ebola to IDHW at: EbolaInfo@dhw.idaho.gov • CDC guidelines were sent to the Idaho chapter of Association of Professionals in Infection Control. • Frequent updates are being made to the Idaho Ebola website located at www.ebola.idaho.gov. • Idaho Ebola Website Traffic Information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 475 users visit – 70% are new visitors - 1,038 page views; 795 of which are unique page views

Panhandle Health District – PHD1	
Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with law enforcement and emergency management on Isolation and Quarantine regulations and procedures. • Met with first responders in one of the counties to discuss Ebola preparedness.
Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training to the first responder/first receiver community in one of the counties on the process for tracking of potentially exposed travelers and the proper PPE requirements.
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Health Update: Issued district-wide on 10/28/2014 • Panhandle Health District is in regular contact with the hospitals and EMS agencies throughout the district, providing them the latest guidance from CDC and sharing best practices.

Public Health – Idaho North Central District – PHD2	
Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latah County Ebola preparedness meeting.
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forwarding appropriate information to stakeholders through email.
Other Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calling agencies to assess their level of preparedness and determine any information needs.

Southwest Health District – PHD3

Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Healthcare Coalition (RHCC) meeting. District-wide Ebola Response Plan coordination amongst their RHCC partners, how they would be transported, who would transport, required PPE to respond, treat and transport Ebola patients. Weekly meetings via conference call will be held until further notice. SWDH Management Team, Epidemiology (Epi) staff and Public Health Preparedness staff met for the weekly Ebola planning meeting. Southwest District Health (SWDH) Director weekly conference call with IDHW and State Public Health Officials. SWDH Public Information Officer (PIO) participated in a conference call with Peer 2 Peer Committee for the National Public Health Information Coalition. Discussion included communication sharing, Joint Information Systems organization and activation as needed, social media regarding Ebola response, CDC messaging and news briefings.
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All SWDH hospitals, clinics and EMS agencies attended in-person or on the conference call. SWDH shared information with multiple agencies and stakeholders regarding Ebola including their Board of Health with representatives from each of our six counties. SWDH sent information to their six county emergency managers, hospitals, clinics, EMS agencies, etc.

Central District Health Department – PHD4

Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boise City Incident Management Team meeting: Ebola Information for City Employees. State-wide Health Department PIO conference call regarding Ebola Coordination 10/28.
Trainings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2014 Fall Idaho Epidemiology Conference (10/28-29)
Exercises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Central District Health Department (CDHD) facilitated a Health Department Operations Center Activation Drill and Emergency Information Center Functional Exercise. A total of 24 people came together on Saturday to activate and exercise our Emergency Information Center. The exercise was facilitated by Public Health Preparedness staff, and included their PIO and the EIC Supervisor along with Medical Reserve Corps Volunteers.
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CDHD PIO (in conjunction with HD 3): Email sent to Community Partners (PIO contacts, etc.) on 10/29 containing <i>Infographic on flu symptoms vs. Ebola symptoms</i> CDHD PIO: Posted Ebola-related content on Facebook on 10/28 CDHD PIO: Created and posted CDHD Ebola resource web page on 10/31

South Central Public Health District – PHD5

Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> District Epidemiologist attended the Oct. 28 Epidemiology and Ebola planning meeting for IDHW and Public Health District staff.
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Press Release, Health Alert Network (HAN) message

Southeastern Idaho Public Health – PHD6

Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attended Bannock County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and discussed Ebola. Attended Butte County LEPC.
Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participated in National Healthcare Coalition Webinar Part 2. Presented to Idaho State University Health Education class.
Exercises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participated in Idaho Resource Tracking System Hospital Ebola Personal Protective Equipment Survey.
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emory Hospital Protocols (including donning and doffing videos) sent to: Healthcare Coalition, County Emergency Managers, and other health department preparedness teams.

Other Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Began discussion with home health agencies regarding Ebola preparedness and protocols. • Discuss Isolation and Quarantine protocols with epidemiology team. • Considering need for Ebola interview rehearsals. • Have received no calls from the public requesting Ebola information.
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Eastern Idaho Public Health District – PHD7	
Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitated Bonneville County Planning Meeting including county and city officials, airport officials and first responders. We currently have planned similar meetings with Madison, Teton, Fremont, and Lemhi Counties. In the process of scheduling with Custer, Jefferson and Clark Counties. • Met with BYU-I to discuss their international students, specifically students from affected regions. • Coordinated meeting with Bureau of Homeland Security Area Field Officer and County Emergency managers. • Facilitated Eastern Idaho Healthcare coalition with first responders • Participated in the following meetings: Conference call with the universities around the state; Conference call with the state epidemiologists; Special PIO calls, State call with airports; Conference call with State EMS and Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Healthcare Preparedness Program Managers
Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training was provided at Bonneville, Madison, Teton, and Custer Counties Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Meetings. • Participated in Epi Conference, specifically with procedures relating to Idaho Public Health Guidance for Monitoring and Movement of Asymptomatic Persons with Potential Ebola Virus Exposure
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continually updating website and Facebook • Employee Newsletter Oct 2, 9, & 15 and general staff meeting Oct 23 • Partnered with Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center and produced an Ebola fact sheet that was released to staff members and the public and posted on EIPH website • KIFI News story on Oct 2, 2014 with Epidemiologists • Radio interview on Oct 16, 2014 with PIO and Epidemiologist • Presentations on Ebola: Board Meeting, Custer County LEPC Meeting, Bonneville County LEPC Meeting, Regional Healthcare Coalition Meeting, Community Emergency Response Team • HAN sent out: Precautions for healthcare workers Oct 1, Guidance for healthcare workers Oct 3, Guidance for EMS and 911 dispatch Oct 3, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Guidelines Oct 21, Patient Evaluation Guidelines Oct 22 • EIPH Liaison has also released these guidelines to her coalition: Precautions for healthcare workers Oct 1; Guidance for healthcare workers Oct 3; Guidance for EMS Oct. 3, PPE Guidelines Oct 21; Patient Evaluation Guidelines Oct 22; and guidance for monitoring and movement of persons with potential Ebola virus exposure. • Forwarded information to healthcare coalition and pertinent stake holders from IDHW, CDC, and Health and Human Services. • Hotline has been established for questions on Ebola
Other Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Real life event-protocols for handling sick passengers at Eastern Idaho Regional Airport