



State of Wisconsin  
Department of Health Services

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Scott Walker, Governor  
Kitty Rhoades, Secretary

## Ebola Situation Report

March 11, 2015<sup>1</sup>

Newly updated information is indicated in **blue**.

### Overview

- There are no Ebola cases in Wisconsin at this time.
- As of **March 11, 2015**, **five** people in Wisconsin currently meet the criteria for Ebola surveillance by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS). DHS has monitored a total of **104** people, one of whom has left the state, and **99** of whom have passed the 21-day incubation period for Ebola and no longer require monitoring.
- CDC notifies DHS of all individuals traveling from the affected West African countries to Wisconsin, and DHS notifies the local public health agencies (LPHAs) where those individuals reside. These LPHAs are in daily communication with the travelers and are checking for the presence of fever or other symptoms. This active monitoring ensures that if these individuals become ill, they can be rapidly isolated and evaluated.
- In the event Ebola is diagnosed in the state, DHS will work with partners and the three designated health systems to care for patients, ensuring that each patient receives the best care while protecting healthcare workers and the general public, and ensure coordinated communication with response partners, including the Governor's Office and the Department of Military Affairs via the Incident Command System activated on October 3, 2014.
- As of **March 11, 2015**, the World Health Organization (WHO) recognized **24,237** Ebola cases and **9,951** deaths in nine countries.

### What the Department of Health Services (DHS) is doing to prepare:

- **Supplemental Ebola funds for health care preparedness have been made available from the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) in the United States Department of Health and Human Services, with Wisconsin being allocated \$2.2 million over a five-year budget period.**
- **\$1.5 million of these funds are designated for the Category 1 Ebola treatment hospitals: Froedert and the Medical College of Wisconsin (Wauwatosa); Children's Hospital of Wisconsin (Milwaukee); and the UW Health – University of Wisconsin Hospital and American Family Children's Hospital (Madison).**

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<sup>1</sup> The last Situation Report was issued on February 12, 2015.

- The remaining funds will chiefly fund regional health care coalitions' efforts to conduct planning and preparedness tasks for Ebola and other emerging diseases.
- On Wednesday, March 11, 2015, at the Governor's Conference on Emergency Management & Homeland Security, representatives from Public Health Madison – Dane County, Meriter Hospital, Madison Fire, the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene, and the Department of Health Services will present about the February response mounted when a traveler being monitored became ill and required medical care.
- The next DHS Ebola webcast will take place on **Tuesday, March 17, 2015** at 2 pm. This webcast will feature the same panel speaking at the Governor's Conference (see preceding bullet) about the February response to the monitored traveler who became ill. To access the webcast or view previous webcasts go to <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/ebola-virus-disease-partner-webcasts.htm>.
- DHS continues to assist all partners by receiving, tracking, and disseminating the most up-to-date guidance from other state and federal partners. Visit the DHS Ebola website for more information: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/ebola-virus-disease.htm>.