



State of Wisconsin
Department of Health Services

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Ebola Situation Report

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Overview

- There are no Ebola cases in Wisconsin at this time.
- As of November 24, 2014, eleven people in Wisconsin currently meet the criteria for Ebola surveillance by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS). DHS has monitored a total of 68 people, 57 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.

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

- The Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene has been approved to conduct Ebola testing on specimens. Guidance was sent out and representatives from the lab will be presenting on DHS' next Ebola webcast on Tuesday, December 2, 2014.
- Hospitals and health systems have been asked to self-identify themselves as Category 2 or 3 facilities no later than Friday, December 5, 2014.
- DHS hosted the seventh in a series of weekly webcasts on Thursday, November 20, 2014. DHS legal counsel Shelley Malofsky presented a webcast targeted for local public health departments and their corporation counsels titled "Overview of Wisconsin Legal Powers and Ebola." The webcast focused on discussing the contents of DHS' new legal toolkit, which includes templates for monitoring, quarantine and isolation orders. <http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/communicable/diseasepages/ebolawebcasts.htm>.
- The next weekly webcast for Wisconsin's Ebola response will be held on Tuesday December 2, 2014 at 2:00pm. A link for this webcast and previous webcasts can be found at: <http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/communicable/diseasepages/ebolawebcasts.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: <http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/communicable/diseasepages/ebola.htm>.