



State of Wisconsin  
Department of Health Services

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Scott Walker, Governor  
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## Ebola Situation Report

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### Overview

- There are no Ebola cases in Wisconsin at this time.
- As of December 10, 2014, six people in Wisconsin currently meet the criteria for Ebola surveillance by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS). DHS has monitored a total of 73 people, one of whom has left the state, and 66 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 December 17, 2014, the total number of Ebola cases in West Africa is reported to be 18,603 with 6,915 deaths. The World Health Organization notes that the reported case incidence is fluctuating in Guinea, decreasing in Liberia and slowing in Sierra Leone. All countries are working toward achieving the goal set in the UN Mission for Ebola Emergency Response (UNMEER) to treat and isolate 100% of Ebola cases and safely bury all patients who die of the disease.

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

- Representatives of the City of Milwaukee Health Department and Public Health Madison Dane County presented about their experience monitoring returning travelers from West Africa on the regular Ebola webcast for partners on Tuesday, December 16, 2014. A link to the recording of this webcast can be found at <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/ebola-virus-disease-partner-webcasts.htm>.
- Karen McKeown, State Health Officer and Administrator, presented an overview of Wisconsin's activities to deal with Ebola on the regular Ebola webcast for partners on Tuesday, December 16, 2014. A link to the recording of this webcast can be found at <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/ebola-virus-disease-partner-webcasts.htm>.

- DHS released the Wisconsin Ebola Guidance Overview, a document summarizing Ebola-relevant topics and providing links to guidance and tools for preparedness and response, on Tuesday, December 16, 2014. Any partner that did not receive the Overview and would like a copy should send a request to [DHSResponse@wi.gov](mailto:DHSResponse@wi.gov).
- The next DHS Ebola webcast will take place on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 2 pm and will occur on a monthly basis thereafter, as circumstances warrant. Links to access the website will be posted at <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>.