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**Ebola Response Update 08-29-14**

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Message:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is working with other U.S. government agencies, the World Health Organization, and other domestic and international partners in an international response to the current Ebola outbreak in West Africa. CDC has activated its Emergency Operations Center to respond to Ebola. Included in this message are new guidance documents that we hope will be useful to you and your organization. Please share with your colleagues and networks.

**Ebola Cases and Deaths (West Africa) - Updated: August 28, 2014**

- Suspected and Confirmed Case Count: 3069

- Suspected Case Deaths: 1552

- Laboratory Confirmed Cases: 1752

**New Guidance Documents from the CDC:**

- Interim Guidance for Emergency Medical Services Systems and 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Points

<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/interim-guidance-emergency-medical-services-systems-911-public-safety-answering-points-management-patients-known-suspected-united-states.html> (NEW)

- Guidance for Safe Handling of Human Remains

<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/guidance-safe-handling-human-remains-ebola-patients-us-hospitals-mortuaries.html>(NEW)

- Advice for Humanitarian Aid Workers

<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/page/humanitarian-workers-ebola>(NEW)

**Updated Key Points**

A full key messages document is attached with new information highlighted in red.

- The 2014 Ebola outbreak is the largest Ebola outbreak in history and the first in West Africa. The current outbreak is affecting four countries in West Africa: Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria, and Sierra Leone but does not pose a significant risk to the United States. A small number of cases in Nigeria have been associated with a man from Liberia who traveled to Lagos and died from Ebola, but the virus does not appear to have been widely spread.
- In the past week, the Democratic Republic of Congo has reported cases of Ebola in a remote area of the country. These cases do not appear to be epidemiologically linked to the outbreak of Ebola in West Africa, based on preliminary investigation.
- The outbreak in West Africa is worsening, but CDC, along with other U.S. government agencies and international partners, is taking steps to respond to this rapidly changing situation.
- Ebola poses no substantial risk to the U.S. general population.
- As of August 27, no confirmed Ebola cases have been reported in the United States.
- In 2014, two U.S. healthcare workers who were infected with Ebola virus in Liberia were transported to a hospital in the United States. Both patients have been released from the hospital after laboratory testing confirmed that they no longer have Ebola virus in their blood. CDC has advised the hospital that there is no

public health concern with their release and that they do not pose a risk to household contacts or to the public.

-CDC has received many calls from health departments and hospitals about suspected cases of Ebola in travelers from the affected countries. These calls have been triaged appropriately and some samples have been sent to CDC for testing. All samples sent to CDC have so far been negative.

-Samples from other U.S. persons under investigation (all of whom recently traveled to West Africa) are being tested as they are received. To date, all persons under investigation in the United States have tested negative for Ebola.

- Recommendations and guidance may change as new information becomes available.

Additional information and new/update guidance can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/>

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Attachments:

- [CDC Ebola Key Messages 8-27-14.pdf](#)

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