



State of Wisconsin
Department of Health Services

Scott Walker, Governor
Kitty Rhoades, Secretary

Ebola Situation Report

February 12, 2015¹

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

Overview

- There are no Ebola cases in Wisconsin at this time.
- As of **February 12, 2015**, **nine** people in Wisconsin currently meet the criteria for Ebola surveillance by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS). DHS has monitored a total of **95** people, one of whom has left the state, and **86** 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 **February 12, 2015**, the World Health Organization (WHO) recognized **22,894** Ebola cases and **9,177** deaths in nine countries.

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

- **A recently returned, low risk traveler being monitored by a local health department developed symptoms the week of February 2, 2015. DHS was consulted, and also consulted the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Test results were negative for Ebola virus and the traveler was released. They will remain monitored until the end of their 21-day period.**
- **DHS Public Information Officers (PIOs) coordinated with local and hospital PIOs in a joint information center to plan the media response. The local entities handled media inquiries.**
- **This case and situation was handled smoothly by all partners and reinforces the planning and exercising work that has been done at DHS and the local level.**

¹ The last Situation Report was issued on January 15, 2015.

- Supplemental Ebola funds have been made available from CDC, with \$2.3 million for the State of Wisconsin. The grant request will be submitted by February 20, 2015 with 79% of funding allocated to local and tribal preparedness.
- CDC has alerted states that most major cruise lines are prohibiting any traveler who is in the 21-day Ebola monitoring period to board a cruise, regardless of whether health officials are willing to monitor travelers during their trips. Instead, cruise lines will work with travelers to rearrange their travel plans.
- The next DHS Ebola webcast will take place on **Tuesday, February 17, 2015** at 2 pm. Links to access the website or view previous webcasts can be found 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>.