



State of Wisconsin
Department of Health Services

Scott Walker, Governor
Kitty Rhoades, Secretary

Ebola Situation Report

April 16, 2015¹

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

Overview

- There are no Ebola cases in Wisconsin at this time.
- As of **April 14, 2015**, **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 **111** people, one of whom has left the state, and **105** 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 **April 15, 2015**, the World Health Organization (WHO) recognized **25,791** Ebola cases and **10,600** deaths in nine countries.
- **The last confirmed Ebola patient in Liberia died on March 27, 2015. Two contacts of that patient are still being monitored at this time. Outside of the county of Montserrado (where the death occurred), no new cases of Ebola have been reported in Liberia for over six weeks.**

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 The last Situation Report was issued on March 11, 2015.

- \$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).
- The remaining funds will chiefly fund regional health care coalitions' efforts to conduct planning and preparedness tasks for Ebola and other emerging diseases.
- The grant to obtain the funds described above will be submitted on April 22, 2015.
- The public information officers within DHS incident command have assembled a guide to Ebola messaging to be used by partners in Wisconsin. Jennifer Miller, DHS Communication Specialist, and Stephanie Smiley, DHS Communications Director, will be presenting on this document on DHS' April Ebola update webcast. Representatives of Public Health Madison-Dane County and Meriter Hospital will join Jennifer and Stephanie to talk about the role of public information during the event during which a monitored traveler was hospitalized in Wisconsin in February 2015.
- The next DHS Ebola webcast will take place on **Tuesday, April 21, 2015** at 2 pm. 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>.