



# Health Advisory Update: Ebola

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Columbus Public Health & Franklin County Public Health

## What you need to know

On May 9, 2015, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the Ebola outbreak in Liberia had ended after 42 days (twice the maximum incubation period) had passed since the last case. Effective on June 17, 2015, the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) no longer recommends public health monitoring of travelers from Liberia. CDC now recommends these travelers self-observe their health for fever and Ebola symptoms until 21 days after departure from Liberia.

Guinea and Sierra Leone are still experiencing widespread transmission of Ebola. Travelers from Guinea and Sierra Leone will continue to be monitored by public health for 21 days after departure from these countries.

## What to watch for

Fever, headache, myalgia, fatigue, diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal pain, loss of appetite and hemorrhage in patients with onset of illness within 21 days of travel to Guinea and Sierra Leone, as well as other Ebola outbreak affected countries, including those with recent widespread transmission such as Liberia.

## What you can do

Obtain comprehensive travel history for all patients with symptoms consistent with Ebola. Healthcare providers who suspect Ebola should isolate the case and report to Infectious Disease Reporting System (IDRS) immediately at **614.525.8888**. Columbus Public Health & Franklin County Public Health will facilitate PCR at Ohio Department of Health (ODH) for patients with fever  $\geq 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$  ( $38.0^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), clinically compatible illness and epidemiologic risk factors.

## Who is at risk

### High Risk

Percutaneous or mucous membrane exposure to blood or body fluids of an Ebola patient

Direct skin contact with, or exposure to blood or body fluids of, an Ebola patient without appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)

Processing blood or body fluids of a confirmed Ebola patient without appropriate PPE or standard biosafety precautions

Direct contact with a dead body without appropriate PPE in an Ebola outbreak affected country

### Some Risk

Direct contact with an Ebola patient with appropriate PPE

Any direct patient care in non-Ebola healthcare settings

Close contact with an Ebola patient in households, healthcare facilities or community settings

### Low Risk

Travel to a country with widespread Ebola transmission

## To learn more

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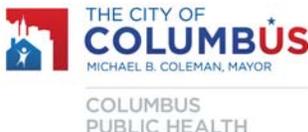
<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/index.html>

Ebola Assessment of Persons Under Investigation

<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/exposure/persons-under-investigation-low-exposure-ebola.html>

Infectious Disease Reporting System

<http://idrsinfo.org>



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