

Ebola

Idaho Ebola Preparedness Weekly Update



IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH & WELFARE

For the Week of January 5 through 9, 2015

Please note: This will be the final Idaho Ebola Preparedness Weekly Update until a situational change warrants further updates. Information about activities in Idaho can be accessed at www.ebola.idaho.gov. National/international activities can be accessed at <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/>.

Current Worldwide 2015 Ebola Outbreak Information

As of January 7, 2015

Total cases: 21,121

Total laboratory-confirmed cases: 13,408

Total deaths: 8,304

Case Counts in Countries with Widespread Transmission – Reported as of January 7, 2015

Guinea	2793	2493	1797
Liberia	8263	3123	3515
Sierra Leone	10030	7759	2977
Total	21,086	13,376	8,289

Case Counts in the United States with Localized Transmission – Reported as of January 7, 2015

Idaho	0	0	0
All Other States	4	4	1
Total	4	4	1

Source: www.cdc.gov/Ebola

Highlights of Ebola Preparedness Activities in Idaho

For the week of January 5 through 9, the following activities took place in Idaho:

Idaho Department of Health and Welfare

Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meetings were held with local healthcare facilities and included a discussion regarding the current situation with Ebola.
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Panhandle Health District – PHD1

Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff met with Kootenai Health leadership to continue the discussion of hospital preparedness and planning for receipt of symptomatic persons under investigation (PUI).• Discussed the development of a drill which would transport a symptomatic (PUI) with Kootenai Health, Bonner County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Kootenai County EMS.
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Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Panhandle Health District staff continued to be in regular contact with local hospitals, EMS providers and emergency managers.
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Southwest District Health – PHD3

Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Southwest District Health Department (SWDH) Public Information Officer (PIO) participated in a conference call presented by the National Public Health Information Coalition (NPHIC) on January 8, 2015 which featured three Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) staff members who provided personal accounts of their deployment in Ebola-ravaged Sierra Leone, Guinea, and Liberia. They shared slides and personal testimonies of their experiences. SWDH found this to be extremely impacting and inspiring.
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Exercises	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The SWDH Planner is designing an Ebola Response Team (ERT) tabletop exercise. An exercise will serve to reinforce the ERT training given on 12/16/2014. This exercise will be conducted on 1/14/2015.
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Southeastern Idaho Public Health – PHD6

Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ebola updates are tracked on the weekly Public Health Preparedness storyboard.• The Southeast Idaho Public Health webpage has a link to Ebola information.
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