



## **EBOLA UPDATE**

### **November 7, 2014**

There are no Ebola cases in Nashville or Tennessee, and there have been no new Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) cases reported in the United States during the past two weeks. The most recent U.S. EVD case occurred in a New York doctor who had recently returned from Guinea, where he treated patients with Ebola. We would expect a low-but-not-zero risk of a possible imported case anywhere in the US for several months, as long as the epidemic of EVD in 3 West African countries continues.

Please visit the Metro Public Health Department's website ([health.nashville.gov](http://health.nashville.gov)) for more information about Ebola, including a link to a You Tube video of a community meeting hosted by Dr. Bill Paul. The video offers basic information about Ebola. The Tennessee Department of Health offers a toll-free Ebola information line, 1-877-857-2945. The information line is open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., seven days a week.

The CDC website has new resources with information about Ebola for parents and families. You'll find the new information by visiting <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/children/index.html>

In cooperation with the CDC and the Tennessee Department of Health, the Metro Public Health Department has been conducting active post-arrival monitoring of travelers whose travel originated in Liberia, Sierra Leone, or Guinea. Across Tennessee and the United States, these recent travelers to high-risk countries are being contacted by state and local health departments daily until 21 days after their departure from West Africa. Twenty-one days is the longest time it can take from the time a person is infected with Ebola until that person becomes ill. There are very few recent travelers to these countries here.

The first case of Ebola in the United States was diagnosed in Texas on September 30 in a traveler from West Africa. Subsequently, two health care workers were infected. Two nurses that were confirmed to have been infected with the Ebola virus in the United States have been released from care. Both had direct contact with the initial case in Texas.