



## Indiana State Department of Health

### Indiana Health Alert Network Notification — December 29, 2015

#### UPDATED GUIDANCE FOR MONITORING OF TRAVELERS FROM GUINEA

On December 29, 2015, the World Health Organization declared Guinea free of Ebola virus transmission. In response, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) modified enhanced Ebola port-of-entry screening for travelers from Guinea. Travelers entering the United States from Guinea will continue to enter through one of the designated U.S. airports (JFK, Dulles, or Atlanta) conducting enhanced entry screening. Travelers will continue to have their temperatures taken, answer questions about travel history and possible exposures to Ebola, and be advised to self-monitor for 21 days after leaving Guinea. **However, CDC no longer recommends active monitoring for travelers arriving in the United States from Guinea.**

Travelers from Guinea will receive a modified Check and Report Ebola (CARE) kit that includes information about Ebola, a thermometer, and contact information for their state health department (same CARE Lite Kits used for the Liberia and Sierra Leone step down).

**As of today, local health departments do NOT need to conduct daily active monitoring of travelers from any African country.** Health care providers are always encouraged to ask about current or recent travel due to outbreaks of disease occurring throughout the United States and other countries.

From October 2014 through December 2015, a total of 337 persons with travel to Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone were monitored in Indiana. The Indiana State Department of Health extends its appreciation to the medical and public health community for all the hard work and diligent effort, especially to the Ebola monitoring staff at the local health departments, throughout the monitoring process.

Additional information about Ebola Virus Disease and the West African outbreak can be found on the CDC website at <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/index.html>.