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CDC Agrees to Send Staff to Ohio

COLUMBUS – At the request of Gov. John R. Kasich, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Director Dr. Tom Frieden agreed to send key CDC staff to Ohio support Ohio's state and local Ebola response efforts. The CDC staff could begin arriving as soon as tonight.

A CDC agency liaison will help coordinate response efforts between Ohio and the CDC, and CDC contact tracing experts will help state and local health officials identify anyone who may have had contact with the Dallas nurse who traveled to Ohio.

Ohio public health officials were alerted by the CDC Wednesday morning that a Dallas nurse who tested positive for Ebola was in Ohio Oct. 10-13.

“We appreciate the additional resources that CDC is providing Ohio to ensure good federal, state and local coordination of Ebola response efforts,” said Dr. Mary DiOrio, state epidemiologist and interim chief of the ODH Bureau of Prevention and Health Promotion. “CDC staff will join state and local public health staff already on the ground.”

For more information about Ebola, visit the ODH website at www.odh.ohio.gov or the CDC website at www.cdc.gov.

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CHRONOLOGY

Oct. 15: CDC responds to Gov. John R. Kasich's request by agreeing to send staff to Ohio to help support Ohio's state and local Ebola response efforts.

ODH deploys state epidemiologist Dr. Mary DiOrio and other staff to Summit County to assist with its efforts; participates in Summit County Public Health's news conference.

Gov. Kasich talks with US Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Burwell, as well as CDC Director Dr. Tom Frieden. Kasich requests CDC staff to be deployed to Ohio to assist with patient contact work.

ODH notified by CDC that Dallas nurse who tested positive for Ebola was in Summit County Oct. 10-13.

Oct. 14: Ohio conducts a tabletop exercise and preparedness seminar with health care partners representing hospitals, physicians, nurses, EMS responders and local health departments.

July-Pres.: ODH shares Ebola preparedness guidance with health care providers and local health departments.