



**STATE OF OHIO**  
**Emergency Operations Center**  
**SITUATION REPORT**

Nancy J. Dragani, Executive Director  
Emergency Management Agency

2855 W. Dublin Granville Rd.  
Columbus, Ohio 43235

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Governor  
**FROM:** Ohio Emergency Operations Center  
**SUBJECT:** Coordinated Response to Ebola Virus  
**DATE:** October 16, 2014

---

This is the first Situation Report for October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and the second Situation Report for this incident. This information is current as of 7:00 p.m.

**INCIDENT SYNOPSIS**

On the morning of October 15th, 2014, the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) learned that a Dallas-area healthcare worker who tested positive for Ebola was in Summit County from October 10th - 13th. Upon confirming that the health care worker who recently tested positive for Ebola had been in Ohio, the Ohio Department of Health immediately reached out to local health districts and hospitals to coordinate their response.

The Ohio EMA opened the State EOC assessment room on October 15<sup>th</sup> to support the Ohio Department of Health's response to this incident.

Governor Kasich contacted the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and expedited the arrival of a CDC task force. The task force arrived this morning at the State EOC where they were promptly briefed on the situation in Ohio. Following the briefing, the task force traveled to Summit County where they are currently embedded with the local health department.

The CDC contacted the mother of the health care worker, who had traveled to Dallas, and advised her to monitor her temperature. The mother and the health care worker's fiancé are now being quarantined at a hotel in Dallas. Her step-father is currently self-quarantined at his home in Summit County.

Currently, there is one individual in Summit County that is self-quarantined due to direct exposure to the health care worker. Additionally, 11 individuals in Ohio are being monitored due to a lesser degree of exposure to the health care worker. Seven of the individuals being

monitored are located in Summit County, while the remaining three are located in Cuyahoga County. At this time there are no confirmed cases and suspected cases of Ebola in Ohio.

### **EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS**

At this time there are no state or local emergency declarations for this incident.

### **STATE RESPONSE AND ASSETS**

The Ohio Department of Health has developed a toolkit that hospitals can use to enhance their facilities' ability to receive and treat suspected Ebola patients. In addition to the toolkit, the Ohio Department of Health is working with hospitals across Ohio to conduct preparedness drills focused on intake, treatment and quarantine of potential Ebola patients.

The risk for additional cases is low. However, first responders, health care workers, and government agencies are responding to this incident with an abundance of caution to this incident. This cautious approach includes the distribution of protocols that exceed CDC guidelines to hospitals, health care workers and first responders.

The Ohio Department of Health has activated a 24-hour-a-day call center to ensure Ohioans get accurate, timely information and to answer questions about Ebola. The number for Ohioans to call is 1-866-800-1404.

An incident has been established in WebEOC (20141015 Ebola Virus Disease Response). Local agencies or counties that need to request resources should do so through their county EMA and the established protocols in WebEOC.

The State Joint Information Center is open and continues to coordinate messaging for this incident. Currently the JIC is focused on identifying informational needs and sharing information. The direct line for the JIC is 614-799-6480.

The State EOC is conducting daily information sharing phone calls with county EMA's, state and local stakeholders as well as state response partners. These calls will continue for the duration of the event.

### **Disease Parameters**

- See attachment on overview of Ebola Virus

### **HOURS OF OPERATION**

The State EOC is currently operating at a partial activation, 24 hours per day, and will continue to do so until no longer necessary.