2014 Communicable Disease Response Plan

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University Policies & Processes

- Pandemic and Communicable Disease Emergency Policy -

- Policy Concerning Study, Travel, and Research in Countries Under U.S. State Department Travel Warnings and U.S. Centers for Disease Control Travel Notices

- Continuity of Operations Planning
  Treasury and Risk Management Services Business Continuity
  http://safetyandrisk.unc.edu/BusinessContinuity
  Guide to Business Continuity & Recovery Planning for Campus
  http://finance.unc.edu/files/2013/01/bus_con_guide.pdf

- University Emergency Operations Plan
2014 Communicable Disease Response Team

Communicable Disease Response Team

- Academics - UNC Global
  - School of Medicine

- Communications Public Affairs

- Human Resources

- Student Affairs/Campus Health
  - Medical & University Expertise

EHS & Public Safety Support
Team Purpose

This team has been assembled under the University’s Emergency Operations plan and is following an incident command structure.

Communicable Disease planning is a very fluid process and having the ability to quickly share information and knowledge is critical. Team members have been chosen for their expertise and leadership with the responsible of sharing activities related to Ebola planning within their departments and the team. The purpose of the sub-groups is to identify and address specific planning issues as they arise.

Communications is key to this process and emails and web sites will be the initial communication vehicle. The need to have weekly or daily conference calls will be determined by the team.
Members

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UNC-CH Actions to Date

• August 2014
  • Campus Health, EHS and O C Health Department development of a “Registered Nurse Risk Assessment for all students and employees from affected countries”.
  • At Orange County Health Department request of August 15, 2014 - screening of arriving international students and staff
  • Updated Important Travel Warning Information on University web pages to reflect CDC guidance.

• September 2014
  • Monitoring the Situation closely
  • Updating websites as needed
UNC-CH Actions to Date

• October 2014
  • Update the Communicable Disease Emergency Continuity of Operations plans process.
  • 10/17/2014 - Updated Travel Warning Information for Campus: Outbreak of Ebola in Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Democratic Republic of Congo
  • Develop a process for providing exceptions to the University Travel Policy.
  • On Tuesday October 14th, there was a Time Sensitive – Communicable Disease Mandatory Employees and Related Policies memo sent out to School/Division Human Resources Officers requesting update of their CDME employees and their Communicable Disease Emergency Continuity of Operations plans.
  • 10-21-2014 Gillings School of Public Health created this Ebola portal: http://sph.unc.edu/global-health/ebola/
  • Development of an email to campus on the Ebola activities and the related policies.
  • Weekly emails to team with updated Updated EHS website as needed.
Communication Tools

- Alert Carolina System
- University Web sites
- Email system
- Posters / Handouts
Ebola Preparedness http://ehs.unc.edu/emergency/ebola.shtml
Travel Info

*** SPECIAL ALERT: Ebola outbreak in Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia ***

UNC Global encourages safe, culturally respectful global travel by UNC students, faculty and staff and wants to provide all of the necessary information to make those travels as successful as possible. The University has established travel policies and recommendations to help protect members of the UNC community while travelling.

Global Travel Registry

- All UNC students, faculty, and staff traveling on UNC programs or projects are required to submit their itinerary to the registry. Click here to log in.
- View the current warnings and restrictions for students on UNC-sponsored travel.
Advice for Colleges, Universities, and Students about Ebola in West Africa

For Colleges and Universities

Advice for Study Abroad, Foreign Exchange, or Other Education-related Travel

Is it safe to travel to countries where the Ebola outbreaks are occurring (Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Nigeria)? What should we do if we have study abroad, foreign exchange, research, or other education-related travel planned to these countries?

- CDC has posted a Warning - Level 3 Travel Notices recommending that people avoid non-essential travel to Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone at this time. We advise that education-related travel to these countries be postponed until further notice.

- CDC has posted an Alert - Level 2 Travel Notice for Nigeria with recommendations for enhanced precautions to help travelers protect themselves and help prevent the spread of Ebola. These recommendations may change as the situation evolves. In the event that the situation worsens in Nigeria, CDC may recommend against non-essential travel to Nigeria. Colleges and universities should consider this possibility when making decisions about proceeding with education-related travel plans in Nigeria.

- The U.S. Department of State takes action to protect US citizens who travel outside the US through a number of diplomatic channels. However, in the event of an outbreak, any country has the right to enact measures (such as quarantine of exposed people, isolation of sick people, and screening of people entering or exiting the country for sickness or disease exposure) to protect its citizens and to prevent the spread of an outbreak to other countries. These measures may infringe on the individual rights of those who appear to be infected with or exposed to a disease of public health concern—including visiting US citizens. The ability of the U.S. Department of State to intervene in

Current Handouts

- Students
- Resident Advisors
- Staff
Dear Carolina Community,

This is a reminder that all university-affiliated international travel must be registered in the UNC Global Travel Registry (http://globaltravel.unc.edu). This applies to all UNC students, faculty, and staff. The Global Travel Registry is UNC-Chapel Hill’s central reporting and communication system for students, faculty, and staff traveling abroad. Students on approved programs offered through the Office of Study Abroad website or through their professional school administrator are pre-registered and do not need to complete their registration independently.

The purpose of the registry is to facilitate communication with members of the Carolina community who find themselves in an international crisis situation so that the University can provide assistance. The information you provide will only be used for communication purposes in such situations. To register a trip, log in to the Global Travel Registry at http://globaltravel.unc.edu.

University policy also requires that international travelers on university-related trips enroll in the travel insurance program established by General Administration for the UNC System. This insurance is administered by HTH Worldwide. To enroll in this coverage, please contact Risk Management Services at 919.962.6681 or risk@unc.edu. As with the Global Travel Registry, students on approved programs offered through the Office of Study Abroad website or through their professional school administrator are pre-enrolled and do not need to complete their enrollment independently. For more information, please see Policy 1409 – Insurance for Study and Travel Abroad (http://financepolicy.unc.edu/policy-procedure/1409-insurance-for-study-and-travel-abroad/).
Currently Monitoring

MERS-CoV
Human Enterovirus 68
Meningitis -
http://web.princeton.edu/sites/emergency/meningitis.html