



Health Advisory: Liberia Removed from Ebola Virus Disease Monitoring

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Action Steps

Local and Tribal Health Departments: Please forward to hospitals, urgent care centers, clinics, and convenience clinics in your jurisdiction.

Hospitals and Clinics: Please distribute to healthcare providers who assess patients presenting with new illness.

Healthcare providers: Discontinue assessing travelers from Liberia for Ebola, continue to assess for other diseases associated with international travel.

Travelers from Liberia are no longer considered to be at risk for Ebola virus disease (EVD). EVD is still present in Sierra Leone and Guinea. MDH will continue to monitor travelers from Sierra Leone and Guinea for 21 days following their departure from these countries, and assess any illnesses developing during this time period. Travelers from Liberia will not be monitored.

- On May 9, 2015, the World Health Organization declared Liberia Ebola-free <http://apps.who.int/ebola/>.
- They did this because it had been over 42 days since the last case of Ebola in Liberia, and even longer since there was evidence of community transmission.
 - 42 days is two 21-day incubation periods. 21 days is the longest documented time between exposure to Ebola and the start of symptoms
- Ebola no longer represents a public health threat in persons with recent travel to Liberia.

For more information about Ebola Virus Disease see the MDH website at

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/ebola> or contact MDH at 1-877-676-5414 (toll-free) or 651-201-5414.