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### **TN to Cease Monitoring Travelers from Liberia for Ebola Virus Disease**

Effective June 10, 2015, the Tennessee Department of Health (TDH) will no longer monitor travelers from Liberia for Ebola Virus Disease (EVD). Liberia was declared Ebola-free by the World Health organization (WHO) on May 9, 2015 and travelers from Liberia are thus regarded as not at risk for EVD.

#### **Continuing Actions**

Monitoring travelers for 21-days after their departure from countries with ongoing Ebola transmission (Guinea and Sierra Leone) will continue following current monitoring guidance (*Ebola Virus Disease 21-Day Monitoring Protocol, 06/02/2015*).

#### **Maintaining Readiness**

TDH will remain ready to immediately re-implement/implement monitoring as necessary, including under the following circumstances:

- EVD transmission resumes in a country with previous widespread transmission
- Widespread EVD transmission is reported in a newly affected country

Such monitoring will be conducted following existing monitoring guidance unless otherwise advised.

#### **Hospitals and Clinicians**

International travelers should continue to be monitored for travel-related illnesses. Routine infection control precautions should be used for travelers returning from Liberia. While EVD transmission persists in Guinea and Sierra Leone, monitoring and evaluation of travelers from those areas should continue according to current protocols, in cooperation with TDH. Updated guidance, including *Triage and Patient Assessment for Emergency Departments* and *Triage and Patient Assessment for Outpatient Facilities*, is attached and has been posted to the Tennessee Department of Health Web site.

#### **More Information**

Additional EVD information and updates are posted on the following TDH website:

<http://health.state.tn.us/Ceds/ebola.htm>.