



There are currently no known cases of Ebola in Connecticut. The following information is provided to educate you on Ebola.

***EBOLA is not spread through the air.***

***A person must have symptoms to spread EBOLA.***

***People are not contagious unless they have symptoms.***

### **WHAT WE ARE DOING IN BETHEL**

Our public health and medical professionals are monitoring the Ebola situation along with the State of CT Department of Public Health (DPH) in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). CDC and DPH protocols and guidelines are followed in investigating any potential Ebola situation. This supports the effective response and control of any potential infectious disease requiring a local response.

Our focus is to keep you informed of what is going on, to share information on how the public health system works, and to explain what the risks may be and what actions may be taken to contain those risks. We will communicate through updates to this site and the usual public communication channels (e.g. Bethel Public Schools Newsletter).

Please remember that Ebola is only spread by direct contact with someone who is sick with Ebola. So, the core of control is:

- identifying everyone who might have had contact with the person who is sick with Ebola;
- making sure these contacts are monitored for 21 days after their last contact with the sick person and;
- if they develop Ebola symptoms immediately isolating them to break the chain of transmission, testing them for Ebola virus and giving them appropriate care;
- identifying everyone who might have had contact with the person who is sick with Ebola, starting the control cycle again.

Our public health system is working to prevent and control infectious disease risks.

## **Resources**

**Tom Frieden, MD, MPH, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** Blog - <http://blogs.cdc.gov/cdcdirector/>

**What you need to know about Ebola** – <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/pdf/what-need-to-know-ebola.pdf>

**How to Prevent Exposure to Ebola** - <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/prevention/index.html>

**Identifying Ebola Signs and Symptoms** - <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/symptoms/index.html>

**Cleaning and Disinfecting Indoor Spaces** - [http://www.ct.gov/dph/lib/dph/communications/ebola/clean\\_disinfect\\_indoor\\_spaces.pdf](http://www.ct.gov/dph/lib/dph/communications/ebola/clean_disinfect_indoor_spaces.pdf)

**Travel Information** - <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/diseases/ebola>

**Danbury Hospital (WCHN) Ebola Questions & Answers:**  
<http://www.danburyhospital.org/en/News-and-Health-Alerts/2014/October/Ebola-FAQ>

**State of Connecticut Ebola Information -**

<http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3115&Q=555224>

**Guidance for First Responders -**

[http://www.ct.gov/dph/lib/dph/communications/ebola/guidance\\_for\\_first\\_responders\\_final\\_october\\_24\\_2014.pdf](http://www.ct.gov/dph/lib/dph/communications/ebola/guidance_for_first_responders_final_october_24_2014.pdf)

**Ebola Information for Healthcare Providers -**

[http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3115&q=555646&dphNav\\_GID=2171](http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3115&q=555646&dphNav_GID=2171)

**State of Connecticut Policies for Monitoring Travelers from Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone –**

<http://www.governor.ct.gov/malloy/cwp/view.asp?Q=555720&A=4010>