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Stanislaus County Officials Update the Community on Ebola

Stanislaus County Health Services Agency, Public Health, has been closely monitoring the outbreak of Ebola Virus Disease primarily occurring in the countries of Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Nigeria, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. "We have been working with our local hospitals, emergency medical services, and clinic systems to keep them informed regarding preparedness and response measures," reports Dr. John Walker, Stanislaus County Public Health Officer.

Currently, there are no confirmed cases of Ebola in California. On September 30, 2014, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) confirmed the first travel-associated case of Ebola to be diagnosed in the United States in a person who had traveled to Dallas, Texas from Liberia.

While the risk for spreading the Ebola virus still remains low in the United States and California, state and local public health officials in California are monitoring the situation closely and taking steps to keep Californians safe, including communication with healthcare providers and hospitals throughout the state to provide updates and recommendation.

If a person has travelled to an affected country and develops a fever within three weeks of their return, they should contact their health care provider, let them know of their travel history, and who they may have come into contact with so appropriate case tracking can be performed. CDC officials have advised travelers to avoid all non-essential travel to West African countries.

For more information on Ebola, please visit: www.stanemergency.com

For additional information about Ebola, please visit the California Department of Public Health's Ebola Virus Information Page at: <http://cdph.ca.gov/programs/cder/Pages/Ebola.aspx>

For the latest updates on Ebola activity, please visit the CDC's website at: <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/index.html>