

UPDATED Advisory for Connecticut State Agencies Regarding Travel to Areas of the World Where There Have Been Outbreaks of Ebola (SUPERSEDES previous advisory on this topic)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has issued travel warnings to areas of the world that are experiencing outbreaks of Ebola which are posted at <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel>.

We ask employees to avoid nonessential travel to the areas with Level 3 Warnings (Liberia, Sierra Leone, or Guinea) and to practice enhanced precautions for travel to areas with Level 2 Alerts.

Last week, the Governor and the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health issued the following guidance, which is more stringent than the guidelines thus far issued by the CDC:

If you become sick with a fever and/or any of the symptoms of Ebola virus disease such as nausea, vomiting and diarrhea, and you:

- Have traveled to Liberia, Sierra Leone, or Guinea in the last 21 days, or
- Have had contact with a person who has Ebola virus disease,

you will be sent to a hospital for evaluation and placed in room separate from other patients – this is called isolation.

If you are not sick, but have traveled to affected areas or been in contact with an infected individual, you will be required to stay at home for 21 days and take your temperature twice a day. You should report any anticipated absence to your agency's Director of Human Resources. Public health workers will contact you twice a day by phone to see how you are doing. This is called quarantine. If you develop a fever or other symptoms suggestive of Ebola virus during the time that you are required to be home, you will be sent to a hospital for evaluation and placed in a room separate from other patients.

Employees who are quarantined shall be placed on paid administrative leave for 21 days and be directed not to report to work.

If you get symptoms of Ebola, it is important to stay apart from other people and to call your doctor right away.

Employees determined to be in the categories described in this advisory will be placed on paid leave pursuant to Section 5-248(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes for 21 calendar days from the date of potential exposure. During this time, you should not report to work. You must provide written documentation of the relevant travel or exposure in order to be placed in this status. You will be paid for those hours that you are scheduled to work.

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