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DAILY SITUATIONAL AWARENESS BRIEF



Marion County Medical Multi-Agency Coordination Center

NATIONAL TERRORISM ADVISORY SYSTEM

No active alerts



17°

Snow Likely

Snow likely, mainly before 4pm. Cloudy, with a high near 17. East northeast wind around 6 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. Total daytime snow accumulation of around an inch possible.



ASTHMA INDEX

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8°

Chance Snow

A 30 percent chance of snow, mainly before 7pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 8. Northeast wind around 6 mph becoming light and variable after midnight.



UV INDEX

1

THREAT ANALYSIS

Complacency must be avoided as Ebola threat remains

In recent weeks, there have been several encouraging signs that the Ebola crisis is turning for the better. The country of Mali was recently declared Ebola-free by the World Health Organization (WHO). Schools closed for months in Guinea due to concerns about the virus reopened earlier this week. Here in the United States, no new Ebola cases have been reported since a medical aid worker was diagnosed in New York City in October. (Sources: [Time](#), [Associated Press](#), [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#))

In order to defeat the virus, however, healthcare providers, first responders, and public health workers must avoid complacency. According to CDC Director Tom Frieden, the largest risk health officials now face is that Ebola become endemic, or that it continues to spread at a low rate. Such a situation could lead to more flare ups of the disease in the future. Frieden specifically mentioned that Guinea had nearly brought Ebola under control, but the country "got a little bit relaxed and dropped the ball," leading to a resurgence. (Source: [Voice of America](#))

While screening and monitoring policies remain in place, the possibility of another Ebola case in the United States persists. A recent scare at the Newark Liberty International Airport, in which a passenger who had traveled to West Africa exhibited symptoms on a flight, underscores this possibility. (The passenger, fortunately, tested negative for Ebola after being held at Hackensack University Medical Center.) (Source: [The Newark Star Ledger](#))

ACTION STEPS

1

Review your institution's level of personal protective equipment (PPE) and waste management system in preparation for the presentation of a suspected Ebola patient.

2

Continue training staff for the care of a suspected or confirmed Ebola patient, including the donning and doffing of PPE.

3

Stay abreast of the latest Ebola news and information by subscribing to the MESH Ebola News Brief. Email [info\[at\]meshcoalition.org](mailto:info[at]meshcoalition.org) for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY

22

Denver vs. IUPUI Women's Basketball

Indiana State Fairgrounds

Disney on Ice: Treasure Trove
Bankers Life Fieldhouse

Indiana Green Expo

Indiana Convention Center & Lucas Oil Stadium

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