



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

**This is an official
MS Health Alert Network (HAN) - Advisory**

MESSAGE ID: MSHAN-20221018-00586-ADV (Health Advisory)
RECIPIENTS: All Physicians, Hospitals, ERs, ICPs, NPs, PAs, and
Healthcare Providers – Statewide
Tuesday, October 18, 2022
SUBJECT Ebola Update and Virtual Town Hall “Preparing Frontline
Healthcare Workers for Ebola,” on 10/20/2022

Dear Colleagues,

- Since September 20, 2022, there has been an ongoing outbreak of Ebola Sudan in Uganda, and as of October 11, 2022, a total of 48 confirmed cases and 17 deaths have been identified.
- MSDH will be notified by CDC of any asymptomatic travelers returning to Mississippi from Uganda, and MSDH will monitor these returning travelers for symptoms for 21 days and provide them with instructions for what to do if they become symptomatic.
- While it is not expected that travelers from Uganda will present unannounced to healthcare facilities in MS, providers and health care facilities should continue best practices of taking a travel history on ill patients and utilizing personal protective equipment (PPE) in all appropriate settings.
- **Mississippi healthcare providers are encouraged to attend a virtual town hall, “Preparing Frontline Healthcare Workers for Ebola”, hosted by the National Emerging Special Pathogens Training and Education Center (NETEC) on Thursday, October 20 at 11am CT.**
 - This call is intended to help frontline health care workers prepare for an Ebola incident and will include a discussion about the current landscape of the Ebola outbreak, IPC and PPE considerations, lab safety precautions and other needs for frontline workers.
 - **Register** for the call [here](#).
 - Registration url: https://unmc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TYPeCP7HQgCJBoQk-2Qm7g?mc_cid=1cddb16631&mc_eid=9420be30e7
- MSDH is asking providers and health care facilities to continue to:
 - **Identify** patients with recent travel to Uganda (within 21 days).
 - Immediately **isolate** symptomatic patients with recent travel to Uganda. Symptoms include fever, diarrhea, vomiting, and unexplained bleeding that may appear 2-21 days after exposure
 - **Call** MSDH immediately with any suspected cases of Ebola in travelers to Uganda.
- The MSDH Office of Epidemiology is available for reporting and questions at 601-576-7725 (601-576-7400 after hours).



Alerting Message Specification Settings

Originating Agency: Mississippi State Department of Health
Alerting Program: **MS Health Alert Network (MS HAN)**
Message Identifier: MSHAN-20221018-00586-**ADV**
Program (HAN) Type: **Health Alert Advisory**
Status (Type): Actual ()
Message Type: Alert
Reference: CDCHAN-00586
Severity: Unknown
Acknowledgement: No
Sensitive: Not Sensitive
Message Expiration: Undetermined
Urgency: Undetermined
Delivery Time: 600 minutes

Definition of Alerting Vocabulary and Message Specification Settings

Originating Agency: A unique identifier for the agency originating the alert.

Alerting Program: The program sending the alert or engaging in alerts and communications using PHIN Communication and Alerting (PCA) as a vehicle for their delivery.

Message Identifier: A unique alert identifier that is generated upon alert activation (MSHAN-yyymmdd-hhmm-TTT (**ALT=Health Alert**, **ADV=Health Advisory**, **UPD=Health Update**, **MSG/INFO=Message/Info Service**)).

Program (HAN) Type: Categories of Health Alert Messages.

Health Alert: Conveys the highest level of importance; warrants immediate action or attention.

Health Advisory: Provides important information for a specific incident or situation; may not require immediate action.

Health Update: Provides updated information regarding an incident or situation; unlikely to require immediate action.

Health Info Service: Provides Message / Notification of general public health information; unlikely to require immediate action.

Status (Type):

- Actual: Communication or alert refers to a live event
- Exercise: Designated recipients must respond to the communication or alert
- Test: Communication or alert is related to a technical, system test and should be disregarded

Message Type:

- Alert: Indicates an original Alert
- Update: Indicates prior alert has been Updated and/or superseded
- Cancel: Indicates prior alert has been cancelled



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Reference: For a communication or alert with a Message Type of “Update” or “Cancel”, this attribute contains the unique Message Identifier of the original communication or alert being updated or cancelled. “n/a” = Not Applicable.

Severity:

Extreme:	Extraordinary threat to life or property
Severe:	Significant threat to life or property
Moderate:	Possible threat to life or property
Minor:	Minimal threat to life or property
Unknown:	Unknown threat to life or property

Acknowledgement: Indicates whether an acknowledgement on the part of the recipient is required to confirm that the alert was received, and the timeframe in which a response is required (Yes or No).

Sensitive:

Sensitive:	Indicates the alert contains sensitive content
Not Sensitive:	Indicates non-sensitive content

Message Expiration:

Undetermined.

Urgency:

Undetermined. Responsive action should be taken immediately.

Delivery Time:

Indicates the timeframe for delivery of the alert (15, 60, 1440, 4320 minutes (.25, 1, 24, 72 hours)).