

## Utah Refugee Arrivals and Ebola

Refugees currently being resettled in Utah **are not** arriving from the countries impacted by Ebola: Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea.

Prior to arriving in Utah all refugees receive a mandatory overseas medical exam conducted by panel physicians selected by the Department of State; exam guidelines are developed by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Division of Global Migration. The purpose of the exam is to identify applicants with inadmissible health related conditions.

In addition to the overseas medical exam, all refugees receive a pre-departure check 72 hours prior to departure for the United States. Additionally, pre-embarkation checks, with a specific focus on Ebola symptoms, will take place immediately before travel.

In an effort to further reduce the potential for Ebola spread in the U.S., the CDC and the Department of Homeland Security's Customs & Border Protection (CBP) began new layers of entry screening at five U.S. airports that receive over 94 percent of travelers from the Ebola-affected nations of Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone.

- All of the following five airports have begun active entry screening by federal officials: JFK (New York), Washington-Dulles, Chicago-O'Hare, Newark Liberty, and Atlanta Hartsfield.
- Travelers originating in these countries will have their temperatures taken and a Traveler Health Declaration filed. Those with no symptoms and "uncertain exposure risk" will be allowed to continue traveling with a Check and Report Ebola (CARE) self-monitoring instruction kit.
- States will immediately receive from CDC details of any screened "uncertain exposure risk" traveler, including contact information and final destination. State and local health departments are expected to immediately begin daily monitoring travelers for 21 days from the date the traveler left his/her country.
- Beginning October 27, 2014, all travelers departing from Ebola-affected countries will be monitored by public health officials for 21 days upon entry into the U.S.

For more information on the refugee overseas medical screening exam please visit the CDC's Refugee and Immigrant Health website, <http://www.cdc.gov/immigrantrefugeehealth/exams/medical-examination.html>.

The Dallas County Health and Human Services Department has developed Ebola fact sheets in 11 common refugee languages. These fact sheets can be accessed at: [http://www.dallascounty.org/department/hhs/ebola\\_languages.html](http://www.dallascounty.org/department/hhs/ebola_languages.html)

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