

# Ebola Update and Resource List

## First Responders and 911 Answering Points

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The concern over Ebola and other infectious diseases continues to hold center stage in our daily activities and professional lives. Federal, state and local agencies and associations, including the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), are busy providing guidance to healthcare workers and other emergency responders regarding clinical care, patient management and exposure information.

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) is the lead agency for response to an infectious disease outbreak. DHHR is working with federal, state and local agencies and other partners to ensure that the State is prepared to deal with this serious issue.

This document provides a list of online resources for various first responders and public safety agencies to assist in preparing a response to an Ebola case. This list is not exhaustive and additional information continues to be developed for use. For more information, please contact your local health department or the West Virginia Bureau for Public Health, Office of Epidemiology and Prevention Services at 304-558-5358 or 800-423-1271.

- Fire Service: International Association of Fire Chiefs: [www.iafc.org](http://www.iafc.org)
- Police: International Association of Chiefs of Police: [www.theiacp.org](http://www.theiacp.org) (Contagious Disease Planning and Response Special Order)
- EMS: <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/pdf/ems-checklist-ebola-preparedness.pdf> (EMS checklist)
  - <http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/bph/Pages/Ebola.aspx> (including Ebola Medical Waste Management and Interim Guidance for Emergency Medical Services)
  - <http://www.who.int/csr/disease/ebola/protective-measures-staff/en/> (including WHO Guidelines for Safely Collecting Blood Samples From Those Suspected of Ebola Infection)
- 911 Answering Points: <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/interim-guidance-emergency-medical-services-systems-911-public-safety-answering-points-management-patients-known-suspected-united-states.html>
- OSHA Guidance: <https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/ebola/index.html>
- Health and Medical: <http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/bph/Pages/default.aspx>
- Office of Epidemiology and Prevention Services: [www.dide.wv.gov](http://www.dide.wv.gov)
- Center for Threat Preparedness: [www.dhhr.wv.gov/healthprep](http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/healthprep)
- Bureau for Public Health: [www.dhhr.wv.gov/bph](http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/bph)