



How Drexel Is Addressing the Threat of Ebola

Dear Member of the Drexel Community:

The threat of the Ebola virus spreading widely in the United States remains low. Drexel is taking all necessary steps to prevent an outbreak in the unlikely event that a case is suspected in our community. As the chair of the University's Ebola task force, I want to make you aware of our work. The task force includes faculty and professional staff from the College of Medicine, the School of Public Health, the Student Health Center, the Study Abroad Office, the Office of International Programs, Student Affairs, Environmental Health and Safety, Public Safety, the Steinbright Career Development Center and more.

First and foremost, we are ensuring that Drexel follows all recommendations made by the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). We are committed to screening any student, faculty or professional staff member who has been in one of the affected countries in West Africa—Liberia, Guinea or Sierra Leone—within the past 21 days. If this applies to you and you have not been screened, please review the [CDC Advisory on the subject](#). Students in that situation should call the Student Health Center immediately at 215.220.4700, and employees should call Drexel Medicine at 215-220-4720.

If an ill student or employee with recent travel to one of the affected countries in West Africa is identified, his or her risk of Ebola infection will be assessed before he or she comes to a Drexel facility, and appropriate referrals will be made if necessary. We have already reached out to every Drexel student from each of the affected countries to assess the risk of Ebola and provide guidance.

With winter break approaching, please be aware that the CDC is advising against nonessential travel to the three countries listed above. Should you travel to one of those countries, please contact Student Health or Drexel Medicine and make arrangements to be screened upon your return.

In addition, we are working with the Student Health Center, the Drexel Medicine practices and Hahnemann University Hospital to ensure that suspected and confirmed cases of Ebola virus disease will be treated optimally, in a manner that protects the health and safety of the health care workers involved.

I encourage you to visit the [Ebola information page](#) at the Student Health Center website for an informative Q&A on the virus. Be assured that if we remain calm but vigilant, and approach this challenge in a clear, rational manner, we will be successful at preventing this virus from gaining a foothold in our community.

Sincerely,

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