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JIC UPDATE ON PREPAREDNESS:
Florida Health Officials Continue Ebola Readiness Efforts

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The Florida Department of Health is carrying out Governor Rick Scott’s Executive Order to conduct 21-day health monitoring and risk assessments for all those who have returned or will return to Florida from the CDC designated Ebola-affected areas of Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone. Public Health staff from the Department’s county offices visit with these individuals twice daily for in-person temperature checks. Currently, the Department of Health is conducting active monitoring for six low-risk individuals.

In addition, the Department has completed delivery of First Responder readiness packages to Department offices around the state. These supplemental personal protective equipment packages are strategically positioned so that additional equipment can be provided within one hour or less in the event local first responder needs exceed existing resources.

Florida hospitals continue to complete Ebola training programs to protect healthcare professionals. All 210 hospitals have now provided readiness reports. To date, 95 hospitals have notified the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) that they have completed this healthcare professional training. AHCA is continuing to follow up daily with hospitals to ensure the training is complete.

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