



Homeland Security

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SUBJECT: U.S. Government Employee, Contractor, and Grantee Travel to
Ebola-affected Countries

As you know, there is an outbreak of the Ebola virus disease in Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone. Consistent with the U.S. Government response to the ongoing Ebola outbreak in the affected countries, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), in coordination with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), has enhanced screening of individuals traveling to the United States from the affected countries. In order to ensure that this CBP enhanced screening – including temperature checks, collection of additional contact information, and observation for other symptoms – captures this entire population of travelers, and in order to



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assist CDC with its active monitoring policy, DHS is requesting that your agencies and departments:

1. Remind their employees, contractors and grantees returning to the United States from the affected countries the following:
 - a. They must make first entry into the United States into one of the five airports where CBP and CDC have enhanced screening—New York John F. Kennedy, Newark Liberty, Chicago O'Hare, Washington Dulles, and Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta; and
 - b. Affirmatively declare to examining CBP Officers any travel to one or more of the affected countries, including dates and locations of travel within the affected countries, and all other intermediate locations.
2. Notify travel agency and/or contracting booking agents responsible for booking employee, contractor, and grantee travel to the affected countries that return air travel from affected countries to the United States is restricted through one of the five designated arrival airports.
3. Remind U.S. Government employees, contractors, and grantees who may experience any symptoms of Ebola prior to, during, or after any travel to immediately request medical assistance from appropriate authorities.

In addition, DHS requests that as the Department of State considers country clearance for all U.S. government travel to the affected countries, that it direct all U.S. embassies and consulates in the affected countries to ensure that itineraries reflect a return into one of the five U.S. airports with enhanced screening.

These measures will help ensure that, like the rest of the traveling population, all U.S. government employees, contractors, and grantees traveling to the affected region are screened for fever and other symptoms of Ebola, and provided important medical information, upon their arrival in the United States—including those who may fly by charter or private aircraft.