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## PREFACE

California is home to many health care workers who have selflessly volunteered to help combat the current Ebola epidemic in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone. These individuals are engaged in stemming this epidemic at its source through a range of activities, from direct care of confirmed Ebola patients to health education of the general population. Some of these activities result in high-risk exposure with confirmed Ebola patients, while other activities involve no such exposure. California is also receiving residents returning from travel to these three countries as well as visitors from this region. Many of these travelers have had no exposure to confirmed Ebola patients, while others may have some uncertain level of exposure to Ebola patients.

In order to protect or preserve the public health, this order requires quarantine for individuals at risk of contracting and spreading Ebola and establishes statewide protocol to assess the risk of these travelers arriving in California in order to develop tailored quarantine orders based on the level of risk presented by each case. This tailored approach for each traveler, implemented through partnership between the California Department of Public Health and local health officers, respects the individual circumstances of each traveler while protecting and preserving the public health.

## ORDER

1) Pursuant to sections 120145 and 131080 of the California Health and Safety Code, the State Public Health Officer of the State of California **HEREBY ORDERS** that any person within the State of California who has:

- a) Traveled to California from an Ebola virus affected area AND
- b) Had contact with any individual with a confirmed case of Ebola virus disease

hereinafter referred to as the “Ebola contact,” shall be quarantined for a period of 21 days, beginning with the date upon which the Ebola contact departed from the Ebola virus affected area, or until this order is rescinded or superseded by a separate order by the State Public Health Officer, whichever occurs first.

“Ebola virus affected area” shall mean any area specified by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as an “active area,” currently the nations of Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone.

The specific requirements of an individual quarantine order shall be determined and communicated by the local health officer where the Ebola contact is located, and shall be based on an individual assessment that conforms with the "Guidance for the Evaluation and Management of Contacts to Ebola Virus Disease" issued by the State Department of Public Health. For purposes of this order, "quarantine" may include observation and monitoring of the Ebola contact and/or limitations on his or her freedom of movement.

Violation of or failure to comply with this order by the Ebola contact may result in civil detention, and is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment, fine, or both.

2) This order is issued because any Ebola contact as described in this order presents an increased risk of being infected with the Ebola virus. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention defines these individuals as persons under investigation for Ebola.

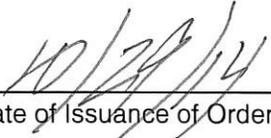
3) All persons caring for the Ebola contact shall observe infection control practices as prescribed by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the prevention of the spread of Ebola virus. Updated guidance may be found at the following website: <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/infection-prevention-and-control-recommendations.html>.

4) The Ebola contact or the Ebola contact's authorized lawful representative may contact the Division of Communicable Disease Control, Center for Infectious Diseases, California Department of Public Health, to seek clarification of any part of this order. If the Ebola contact or the Ebola contact's authorized lawful representative believe that the Ebola contact does not meet the criteria described in paragraph 1 of this order, or object to the appropriateness of the conditions of quarantine contained in this order, the Ebola contact or his/her lawful authorized representative may object and/or request an informal hearing.

5) The Ebola contact or the Ebola contact's authorized lawful representative may seek judicial relief from this order pursuant to California Penal Code Section 1473.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

  
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(Date of Issuance of Order)