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Local Health Officers
County Health Executives

Regarding: Active Monitoring of Liberian Travelers Reestablished in California

Dear Colleagues,

On July 16, 2015, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) announced changes to the monitoring of travelers from Liberia in response to the declaration of Liberia as an Ebola free nation. As part of those changes, CDPH asked the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to continue reporting the arrival of travelers from Liberia into California. In addition, CDPH maintained the ability to reinstitute the daily monitoring of travelers in response to any changing conditions on the ground in Liberia.

Due to reports from the World Health Organization of a newly confirmed case of Ebola, a couple of suspect Ebola cases under investigation, and over 100 contacts under evaluation, effective today, July 2, 2015, CDPH is reestablishing the active monitoring of travelers from Liberia in an abundance of caution and for the protection of the people of California. As a result, CDPH is asking all local health departments in California to conduct active monitoring on travelers from Liberia as per current protocols for travelers from Guinea, and Sierra Leone.

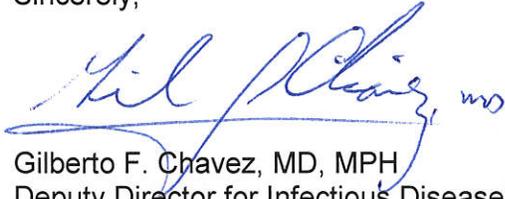
The CDPH guidance, "Planning for and Management of Travelers from Ebola-Affected Countries and U.S. Ebola Case Contacts for Local Health Departments" dated June 16, 2015 is rescinded and the document dated January 7, 2015 is reinstated. The document can be found on the CDPH website at <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/cder/Pages/Ebola.aspx>.

Currently, there are a small number of travelers from Liberia who have arrived in California within the last 21 days. CDPH recommends that local health departments initiate contact with those travelers in their jurisdictions and place them under active monitoring until the completion of their 21 day observation period. Local health departments should notify CDPH if they are unable to locate any of these individuals. Any travelers from Liberia arriving after July 2, 2015 will be actively monitored. Further details on the implementation of this change will be shared shortly with the Ebola point of contact for each local health jurisdiction.

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CDPH is grateful to local health departments for their work in monitoring the travelers from Ebola-affected countries to keep California safe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gilberto F. Chavez, MD, MPH". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

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