

Sent on Behalf of the MSM Office of Student/Employee Health and Infection Control

Dear MSM Faculty, Staff, Students and Residents:

As the Ebola outbreak in West Africa continues, we want to provide some procedures Morehouse School of Medicine has put in place to mitigate exposure of those coming to our facilities. While the CDC considers Ebola to pose little risk to our country at this time, individuals traveling to the countries where Ebola cases are occurring may be at risk for exposure. Therefore, MSM has put in place the following protocol for all MSM faculty, staff, students and residents who have recently traveled to or are planning to travel to Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria, and Sierra Leone.

Who to Contact Before Traveling to High-Risk Areas

In general, it is advised not to travel to high-risk areas (including the West African nations listed above) if it can be avoided. However, if travel is absolutely necessary, you must contact the following people prior to traveling:

- MSM faculty, staff and students must contact Sarita Cathcart, NP, assistant director of student/employee health and infection control, at 404.756.1353 or scathcart@msm.edu.
- MSM residents must contact Tammy Samuels, director of Graduate Medical Education, at 404.752.1011 or tsamuels@msm.edu.

Who to Contact Upon Return

- Prior to returning to campus, class or work, MSM faculty, staff, students and residents with recent travel to the countries listed above must notify the following people for counseling:
- MSM faculty, staff and students must contact Sarita Cathcart, NP, assistant director, Natasha Rucker, RN, or Gregory Strayhorn, M.D., director of the student/employee health and infection control, at 404.756.1353 or scathcart@msm.edu.
- MSM residents must contact Tammy Samuels, director of Graduate Medical Education, at 404.752.1011 or tsamuels@msm.edu.

Procedures for 21 Days

MSM faculty, staff, students and residents who travel to high-risk areas should check their temperature once daily and report any symptoms, including headache, joint/muscle aches, weakness, diarrhea, vomiting, stomach pain or lack of appetite from the first day of their return from travel and for 21 days thereafter. For a complete list of Ebola symptoms, visit the CDC website.

In the event of onset of a fever of 100 degrees or higher or any of the symptoms listed above, DO NOT REPORT TO WORK OR SCHOOL.

Procedures if You Are Symptomatic

Symptomatic faculty, staff, students and residents should seek immediate medical attention with your health care provider or closest hospital emergency department. Once care is being provided, and at the appropriate time, please notify your immediate MSM supervisor. Students should contact the Office of Student Affairs at 404.752.1650.

Thank you for your commitment to providing a safe environment and to your personal well-being.