

IMPORTANT---TRAVEL TO AND FROM EBOLA-IMPACTED AREAS

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The University of Oklahoma Norman campus has in place travel restrictions to West African countries under CDC Level 3 travel warnings—Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone. There have been no cases of Ebola in Oklahoma, but OU must take the appropriate steps to keep our community safe.

Travel Restrictions

Given the evolving situation and OU's responsibility to protect the health of the community, the **OU Norman campus is prohibiting student, faculty, and staff travel for University purposes to Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone.**

- 1. OU students, faculty, and staff MAY NOT TRAVEL** for study abroad, research, grant activity, internships, to perform academic work for credit, service, conferences, presentations, teaching, performances, recruiting or athletic competitions in the West African nations under CDC Level 3 travel warnings (the list may change, view CDC website for countries covered by current travel advisories).
- 2. Travel for personal reasons** to countries under CDC travel warnings **is strongly discouraged.**
- 3. Hosting visitors** from countries under CDC travel warnings **for personal or OU-related purposes** (visiting lecturers, visiting scholars, researchers, etc.) **is strongly discouraged.**

Other Precautions:

- 4. OU requires** Individuals committed to **personal travel** to countries under the CDC travel warnings to be in touch with your college Dean, Director or immediate supervisor prior to making plans.
- 5. OU requires** members of the community who are considering **hosting** visitors or family on University property from any of the countries under CDC travel warnings to obtain approval from the Office of Business and Administration prior to the visitor's arrival.
- 6. OU requires travelers returning from Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone** to contact OU Health Services to arrange a risk assessment by telephone to determine any medical needs as well as eligibility to be on campus. Travelers should contact these offices within 48-72 hours of their departure from one of the affected countries.
- 7. OU follows CDC guidance** on potential exposure to Ebola. As such these travelers may be required to self-isolate at home for up to 21 days upon their return. Travelers should ensure that they have sufficient time available for isolation if this is required.

If you are still contemplating travel to an Ebola-affected region, the guidance in this document can help you evaluate your own readiness and also assess the suitability and preparedness of the support organizations with which you may work. **If you still wish to travel to the affected countries, you must adhere to the guidelines noted above.** Please visit the CDC site at <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel> for Travel Notices and Updates.