Ebola Information and Resources

Cases related to the 2014 Ebola outbreak are rare outside Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone, and the risk of a widespread Ebola outbreak in the United States is very low. Nevertheless, Caltech is working in partnership with the Pasadena Public Health Department to monitor the situation and make sure we have the most up-to-date information for our community so that we can be prepared.

For information on Ebola, including details on transmission and risk of exposure, visit the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) website.

If you do develop symptoms associated with Ebola within 21 days of travel from a country where the outbreak is occurring or have had direct contact with a person infected with Ebola, call the Student Health Center, your doctor, or a nearby hospital emergency room immediately.

If you have plans to travel to West Africa, you should check the travel advisories issued by the CDC and the U.S. State Department.

Additional information on Ebola:

- CDC's "Is It Flu or Ebola?" Infographic (PDF)
- Advice from the CDC for Colleges, Universities, and Students about Ebola in West Africa
- World Health Organization Ebola Factsheet
- California Department of Public Health Risk-Based Quarantine Order

Currently, a greater threat to the health of the Caltech community is influenza. To prevent the spread of flu, we encourage all community members to practice basic infection control measures:

- Cover your mouth when sneezing or coughing. If you do not have a tissue, cough into your upper sleeve, not your hands.
- Do not share items that can spread germs and viruses, like drinking cups, utensils, toothbrushes or food.
- Get a flu shot (the vaccine is still available at the Health Center).