

LAX Airport Operations LAX Operations Advisory

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INFORMATION ON EBOLA MEASURES AT LAX

Please see the attached notice regarding Ebola measures at LAX.

Please contact <u>www.cdc.gov</u> for any questions.

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* The LAX Operations Advisory will be posted on LAWA's Airport Operations web site and can be retrieved at http://www.lawa.org/airops.aspx



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During the past few weeks, Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) operations staff has proactively coordinated with our federal partners; airlines and their flight, ground-handling and cleaning crews; LAX customer service staffs; and custodial workers to ensure airport employees know what to do should an international or domestic passenger arriving at LAX is ill or exhibits symptoms of a contagious disease. Recent information to airline and airport-wide employees focuses on Ebola.

LAX is not one of the five airports conducting enhanced Ebola screenings. However, federal officers at LAX continue to monitor arriving passengers who exhibit Ebola symptoms.

The U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), and Los Angeles Airport Police are knowledgeable and experienced in implementing long-established procedures for how to receive ill passengers, how to separate them from the general population, examine them, and transport them to a prepared facility, if necessary.

Early reporting and notification is essential to ensure prompt response to maximize timely care, to reduce the risk of spreading disease, and to minimize travel disruptions.

Federal law requires airline crews of any international flight to report to the CDC any ill passengers exhibiting symptoms of diseases that pose a public health risk. Crews of domestic flights must notify the Los Angeles County Public Health Department.

LAWA reminds airlines to notify the LAX Airport Response Coordination Center (ARCC) at (424) 646-5292 to ensure communication and coordination among airline and first responders.

ANYONE who believes they have come in contact with or observed someone exhibiting Ebola symptoms should contact CDC at (310) 215-2365.

Comprehensive information, including a 15-minute video, describing the Ebola disease, protective measures, what is being done to stop the spread of Ebola, what to do with an ill passenger, guidelines for airlines and cabin crews, and additional resources is available at www.cdc.gov.

