

The outbreak of Ebola in western Africa has certainly been a major news story and has resulted in concerns about this virus spreading to the US due to the recent cases involving people who had direct contact with Ebola in Africa and health care workers who cared for them in the US. In order to contract Ebola you would need to be exposed to a person who has symptoms and be exposed to their bodily fluids so it is still hard to contract. We want to be proactive in addressing any potential concerns you may have concerning Ebola virus being a threat to the Wesleyan campus.

Please be reassured that the risk at Wesleyan is as close to zero as it can be.

Important things to know:

- Disease screening is being performed in the western Africa countries affected (specifically Sierra Leone, Liberia and Guinea) for anyone planning to travel outside of their countries.
- To date, none of our students are matriculating from any of these countries.
- In order to contract Ebola, one must be exposed directly to an infected bodily fluid (blood, stool, etc.)
- As this is not a respiratory illness, one cannot be infected by the airborne route.
- A person would need to have symptoms in order to be infectious and pass the illness to another person.

The CDC website offers the most accurate and current information: www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola

Additional information for College and University Students regarding Ebola from the CDC - <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/page/advice-for-colleges-universities-and-students-about-ebola-in-west-africa>

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