

## EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Emerging infectious diseases are those whose incidence in humans has increased in the past 2 decades or threaten to increase in the near future. These diseases, which respect no national boundaries, can challenge efforts to protect workers as prevention and control recommendations may not be immediately available. The occupational safety and health community can prepare for these unpredictable disease outbreaks and prevent disease transmission with these resources for protecting workers, particularly healthcare workers, nurses, doctors, and first responders.

Center for Disease Control and Prevention resources

- [Ebola Hemorrhagic Fever \(Ebola virus disease\)](#)  
CDC is working with other U.S. government agencies, the World Health Organization, and other domestic and international partners in an international response to the 2014 Ebola outbreak in West Africa.
- [Middle East Respiratory Syndrome \(MERS\)](#)  
The NIOSH topic page for healthcare workers includes links to CDC information and guidelines on MERS.
- [Chikungunya Virus](#)  
CDC compilation of information and resources on the virus transmitted to humans by mosquitoes.

The following information is provided for the University community by various University Departments related to emerging infectious diseases affecting our University:

Ebola Health Advisory

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey continues to closely monitor the evolving Ebola situation.

Students, faculty, and staff who have traveled to Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, or Senegal within the past 21 days are asked to call Student or Occupational Health Office so they can walk you through a quick risk assessment over the phone: <http://healthannouncement.rutgers.edu/>