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By now, you are very much aware of the media attention regarding the Ebola virus outbreak. Be assured that the University of Pittsburgh continues to closely monitor the situation. You are encouraged to familiarize yourself with current CDC information found at www.cdc.gov.

The CDC remains confident that there will not be widespread cases of Ebola in the United States. Individuals traveling to or from the countries where Ebola cases are occurring are at risk for exposure. Students returning from countries where Ebola cases are occurring have been contacted by Student Health Services and provided guidance on current CDC recommendations. Both Student Health Services and Employee Health Services (in addition to local emergency departments) are performing screening of ill persons for early detection of this disease. This disease is not present in our community at this time.

Pitt faculty, staff and students are advised to utilize the University’s Travel Registry http://www.globalhealth.pitt.edu/resources/travel-resources-travel-policy.php prior to any international travel. Pitt faculty, staff and students who have recently traveled to Sierra Leone, Guinea, Liberia or Nigeria are requested to closely monitor their own health and do the following:

- **Pitt faculty and staff:** Prior to returning to work after travel to impacted nations, Pitt faculty/staff must contact Employee Health Services at 412-647-3695.
- **Pitt students:** Prior to returning to campus/class after travel to impacted nations, Pitt students must call Student Health Services at 412-383-1800.
- From the first day of their return from travel to impacted nations and for 21 days thereafter, Pitt faculty/staff and students should check their temperature twice daily and report any symptoms, including fever, headache, joint/muscle aches, weakness, diarrhea, vomiting, stomach pain or lack of appetite. For a complete list of Ebola symptoms, visit http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/index.html?s_cid=cdc_homepage_feature_001.
- **In the event of onset of a fever of 100 degrees or higher, or any of the symptoms listed above, DO NOT REPORT TO WORK OR SCHOOL.** Call your physician, Pitt Student Health Services or Employee Health Services.