

SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

**SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL
CONTROL**

PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER

October 15, 2014

Background and Purpose for Public Health Order

Ebola is a highly infectious and deadly virus with a high mortality rate. As of this date, there are several confirmed cases in the United States, and more than one hundred persons in quarantine who are subject to daily monitoring following exposure to infected individuals.

The Board of Health and Environmental Control (Board) and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) deem it necessary to enhance the ability of DHEC to maintain open and active communications with essential individuals and facilities, to prevent the spread of Ebola, to avoid imminent peril to the public, and to promote early identification and prevent potential for an outbreak. The Board and DHEC find it necessary to issue this Public Health Order for the protection of the public's health and to identify and establish a defined network of emergency communications.

All individuals and entities listed in this Order must monitor and respond to notifications and requests from DHEC via the means described herein within 24 hours or the timeframe specified in the communication.

This Public Health Order is issued pursuant to SC Code Sections 44-1-80 and 44-1-140. Actions required for compliance are as follows:

I. Email Registration

On or before Monday, October 20, 2014, the following categories of individuals and entities must register with the Health Preparedness Network (Network) by sending an email to the address listed below that applies to you, *unless* you received this Order directly via email from DHEC, in which case you are already registered. This Network allows you to receive one-way communications of public health importance, including but not limited to information, guidance and instruction, from DHEC regarding the Ebola virus.

A. Email to: RESPONDER-join@lists.CIO.SC.GOV

Certified Emergency Medical Technicians
Licensed ambulance services
Licensed emergency medical responder agencies (non-transporting)
911 operators/dispatchers
911 Dispatch Centers
Each Fire Department and individual Fire Chiefs

B. Email to: PROVIDER-join@lists.CIO.SC.GOV

Licensed hospitals and institutional general infirmaries
Licensed facilities that treat individuals for psychoactive substance abuse or dependence
Licensed intermediate care facilities for persons with intellectual disability
Licensed nursing homes
Licensed home health agencies
Licensed hospice services and facilities
Licensed community residential care facilities
Licensed ambulatory surgical facilities
Licensed renal dialysis facilities
Licensed residential treatment facilities for children and adolescents
Licensed in-home care provider agencies
Licensed chiropractors
Licensed medical providers, including physicians, medical examiners, osteopaths, physician assistants, and respiratory care practitioners
All primary care physician offices, including but not limited to free clinics, FQHCs, Rural Health Clinics, pediatrician offices, internal medicine, general practitioners, and urgent care facilities
Licensed nurses, including RNs, LPNs, advanced practice nurses (CRNAs, APRNs)
Licensed pharmacists
Licensed pharmacies and pharmacy-located clinics
Licensed social workers
Licensed veterinarians
Certified athletic trainers
Registered and permitted infectious waste transporters
Licensed long-term health care administrators
Laboratories, including but not limited to independent and those located within health care facilities;

C. Email to: DECEASED-join@lists.CIO.SC.GOV

All persons performing embalming, cremation and funeral services, including but not limited to ceterians, funeralists, and morticians
Coroners and deputy coroners

D. Email to: SCHOOL-join@lists.CIO.SC.GOV

Private institutions of higher learning
Private school principals, headmasters, or other persons who operate private, independent, or parochial schools, and school nurses at each of these facilities

II. Designee Registration

In addition to the above registration, on or before October 20, 2014, the following facilities must also register on the DHEC website at www.SCDHEC.gov. Click on “Facility - Health Preparedness Network Registration” to update existing information or subscribe for the first time. This Order requires the designee’s name, email address, phone number, facility name, and position at the facility. This category of registration allows DHEC to request and receive information related to Ebola preparedness.

Licensed hospitals and institutional general infirmaries
Licensed ambulance services
Licensed emergency medical responder agencies (non-transporting)
911 Dispatch Centers
All primary care physician offices, including but not limited to free clinics, FQHCs, Rural Health Clinics,
pediatrician offices, internal medicine, general practitioners, and urgent care facilities

Any questions related to required registration or requested information should be sent by email to DHEC
at Ebola@dhec.sc.gov.

Violation of a Public Health Order issued pursuant to SC Code Section 44-1-140 may result in a civil
penalty in accordance with SC Code Section 44-1-150.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.



Allen Amsler, Chairman
SC Board of Health and Environmental Control

10/15/2014 _____
Date



Catherine Templeton, Director
SC Department of Health and Environmental Control

10/15/2014 _____
Date