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The following updates are for Healthcare Providers and First Responders:

### **Screening Recommendations**

Effective November 17th, 2014 the CDC and Department of Homeland Security added Mali to the list of Ebola-affected nations for which enhanced screening and monitoring measures will be implemented. The CDC now recommends that screening occurs for travel to Mali, as well as countries with ongoing widespread Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) transmission (Guinea, Liberia, or Sierra Leone) when assessing a patient with fever or other illness compatible with EVD. Additional information on the enhanced screening for travelers from Mali is available at: <http://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2014/p1116-travelers-from-mali.html>

Providers are encouraged to review the list of affected countries by consulting the CDC website daily at <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/index.html> .

### **Procurement of PPE for Ebola Response**

Since the issuance of the CDC guidance, there has been a sudden increase in the demand for PPE. To assist in addressing concerns of PPE shortages the CDC has released the "Best Practices for Procuring Personal Protective Equipment for Ebola Response". This information is available at: <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/procuring-ppe.html>

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