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Nevada Continues to Prepare in Response to Ebola

Carson City, NV—Nevada continues to take action steps to ready itself for the unlikely event of an exposure to the Ebola Virus. The Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Tracey Green, has participated in several conference calls, such as the one today organized by the Nevada Hospital Association, to discuss and ascertain the level of readiness and to gather information in preparation for the soon to be appointed Ebola Advisory Task Force.

DHHS Director Romaine Gilliland has taken quick action and plans to appoint the task force members tomorrow. The first meeting is to be scheduled next week. The purpose of the advisory task force is to ensure the state's readiness, develop effective communication plans, and make recommendations through the DHHS Director to the Governor for further action.

In addition, DHHS has created an Ebola Tool Kit website (health.nv.gov) as an educational resource for both the community and medical providers. The state's website also links to the local health authority webpages and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) websites for additional information.

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