Ebola Statement

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The purpose of this column is to provide NCAA member schools and athletic departments with basic guidance about objective, expert informational resources on Ebola.

The NCAA recommends that member institutions rely on and monitor information provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which is the governmental agency with primary responsibility for managing these situations. The CDC website (www.cdc.gov) provides the most up-to-date information on Ebola. These resources include:


• Exposure risk: http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/exposure/index.html

• Transmission: http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/transmission/index.html


The NCAA will continue to monitor CDC communications for any new alerts or information posted. Member institutions also should take an active role in routinely monitoring information on the CDC website. In the meantime, sports medicine providers (e.g., team physicians, athletic trainers) at member schools should remain vigilant and be prepared to speak to concerned student-athletes about the situation in an informed and educated way. They should also remain mindful of infection control procedures and the proper use of universal precautions and personal protective equipment when dealing with sport-related injuries involving biological materials. Additional guidance on these issues can be found in the 2014-2015 NCAA Sports Medicine Handbook, which can be downloaded here.

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