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TO: UW-Parkside Community
FROM: Tammy L McGuckin, Ed.D
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RE: Ebola

By now, I am sure that you are aware of the Ebola outbreak in West Africa, the first travel-associated case of Ebola diagnosed, and the healthcare worker in Texas who has tested positive for Ebola.

Although the Ebola virus poses no immediate threat to the general United States population and is very unlikely at UW-Parkside, I would like to review our campus expectations for members of our community traveling to or from areas affected. Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone currently are subject to travel warnings against nonessential travel. A travel alert has been issued for travels to the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

At this time, UW-Parkside has no Study Abroad trips scheduled in areas impacted by the Ebola outbreak. As an institution we will evaluate all future and planned Study Abroad trips to determine the relative health risks.

University faculty, staff, and students who are planning to travel to any of the affected areas must contact Dr. Renee Kirby, Director of Student Health, Counseling, and Disability Service at kirby@uwp.edu or 262-595-2640 **before travel** to discuss their plans and university requirements for such travel.

All faculty, staff, and students returning from affected areas must notify Dr. Renee Kirby, Director of Student Health, Counseling and Disability Services at kirby@uwp.edu or 262-595-2640 immediately upon return for a screening risk assessment and instructions for health monitoring **before returning to work and/or study**.

Departments planning on hosting guests or visitors from these areas should also notify Dr. Renee Kirby **before the guests/visitors travel plans are made**.

UW-Parkside's Student Health & Counseling Center and UW System will continue to monitor this situation. Updates and additional resources will be posted on the Student Health and Counseling website: <http://www.uwp.edu/live/services/studenthealth/index.cfm>.

In addition, UW-Parkside will follow the guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and will continue to monitor for changes in travel alerts and restrictions. I encourage you to view the CDC website for the latest updates: <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/index.html>.

I appreciate your cooperation in this matter. Please contact me if you have any additional questions.