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TO: Healthcare Providers, Hospitals, Local Health Departments, Laboratories, Emergency Medical Service Providers, Diagnostic and Treatment Centers, Off-Campus Emergency Departments, Funeral Directors and Funeral Establishments

FROM: New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH)

**HEALTH ADVISORY: EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE (EVD) UPDATE
MALI REMOVED FROM LIST OF EBOLA-AFFECTED COUNTRIES**

For healthcare facilities, please distribute immediately to the Infection Control Department, Emergency Department, Infectious Disease Department, Director of Nursing, Medical Director, Director of Pharmacy, Laboratory Service, and all patient care areas.

Effective Monday, January 5, 2015, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) have removed Mali from the list of Ebola-affected nations subject to enhanced visa and port-of-entry screening. Two incubation cycles (21 days each) have passed since the last Ebola patient in Mali was infectious.

- The NYSDOH is no longer recommending that entities covered by the October 16, 2014 NYSDOH Commissioner's Order ask patients at reception about travel to Mali in the last 21 days.
- LHDs must continue active monitoring of all individuals from Mali who arrived in the United States before January 5, 2015 for 21 days after leaving Mali.
- Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone are still considered countries with widespread transmission of EVD for purposes of the October 16, 2014 NYSDOH Commissioner's Order. Travel notices for these countries remain at a Warning Level 3 and advise travelers to avoid nonessential travel.
 - Covered entities, as defined in the NYSDOH Commissioner's Order, must continue to ask patients about travel to/from these countries.
 - LHDs will continue to be alerted of travelers from these countries and must continue their 21 day active monitoring efforts.

Questions about this advisory should be emailed to ebola.preparedness@health.ny.gov.