

From: [London, Sarah](#)
To: [Mishaan, Jessica](#)
Subject: FW: Your request
Date: Thursday, November 13, 2014 6:06:10 PM
Attachments: [PRA Wcax Ebola Redacted.pdf](#)

From: London, Sarah
Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2014 6:06 PM
To: David Hodges
Subject: RE: Your request

David,

Attached please find records of the Governor's Office in response to your public record act request dated October 29, 2014.

We have withheld and redacted the following types of information on the following grounds: certain "personal information" including identifying information and information related to "medical or psychological facts" pursuant to 1 VSA 317(c)(7); certain security-related information pursuant to 1 VSA 317(c)(25); attorney-client communications pursuant to 1 VSA 317(c)(3); and executive privileged communications involving the Governor and/or members of his senior staff pursuant to 1 VSA 317(c)(1) and (4).

We have tried to reveal as much information as possible about which agencies were involved and the nature of their involvement in this matter, while trying to respect privacy interests related to this individual's health and mental health. We have sought to implement the Vermont Supreme Court's balancing test for the release of "personal" information, in which the public interest in disclosure is weighed against the potential harm to the individual. Using the Supreme Court test, we have withheld or redacted information that would reveal "intimate details of a person's life, including any information that might subject the person to embarrassment, harassment, disgrace, or loss of employment or friends." *Trombley v. Bellows Falls Union High School District No. 27*, 160 Vt. 101, 110 (1993).

Feel free to call me with any questions. If you feel information has been withheld in error, you may appeal to the Governor's Chief of Staff, Liz Miller at Elizabeth.Miller@state.vt.us

Sincerely,
Sarah

From: London, Sarah
Sent: Friday, October 31, 2014 6:50 PM
To: David Hodges
Subject: Re: Your request

Correct, it looks like they have it as well but I will double check.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 31, 2014, at 5:18 PM, David Hodges <DHodges@fox44now.com> wrote:

Dear Sarah,

Thank you for your response. Does this mean the request for information from the Health Department will be handled separately?

Have a Happy Halloween.

Sincerely,

David Hodges

David Hodges
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From: London, Sarah [Sarah.London@state.vt.us]
Sent: Friday, October 31, 2014 5:03 PM
To: David Hodges
Subject: Your request

Dear David, we have received your request dated October 29, 2014. Due to the volume of information requested, we will need to invoke our right to additional time to respond under 1 V.S.A. § 318(a)(5). We will further respond within ten business days of receipt of your request.

Please be aware that we will respond on behalf of Secretary Spaulding and the Governor's Office.

Thank you, and enjoy the holiday,
Sarah

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London, Sarah

From: Miller, Elizabeth
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2014 11:08 AM
To: London, Sarah
Subject: Fwd: Health protocols for Ebola monitoring in Vermont- summary and update

more detail

Elizabeth H. Miller
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elizabeth.miller@state.vt.us

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Allen, Susan" <Susan.Allen@state.vt.us>
Date: October 27, 2014 at 11:04:39 AM EDT
To: "Miller, Elizabeth" <Elizabeth.Miller@state.vt.us>
Subject: **FW: Health protocols for Ebola monitoring in Vermont- summary and update**

Is this what you wanted?

From: Dolan, Tracy
Sent: Friday, October 24, 2014 2:10 PM
To: Louras, Chris
Cc: Spaulding, Jeb; Manning, Michael; Miller, Elizabeth; Rogan, Bob; Allen, Susan; Baker, James; Flynn, Joe; Flynn, Keith; Covell, David; Chen, Harry; Tom Huebner; Mary Nemeth; Hopkins, Richmond
Subject: RE: Health protocols for Ebola monitoring in Vermont- summary and update

Good afternoon Mayor Louras,

Answers to you questions are below. We are also suggesting a call with local officials in Rutland and local law enforcement this afternoon at 4pm (details at end of message)

While our answers below do not name the particular individual of concern (we are using this process to establish a protocol that we might use in other similar situations) please know that we are very much aware of the particulars of this case and that we believe this guidance will serve the situation in Rutland well.

1. Who specifically are the healthcare team members in the Rutland area that are prepared to provide "active post-arrival monitoring" on a daily basis?

Joanne Calvi, the district director for the VDH Rutland District Office and a public health nurse, is the lead for this contact and has briefed other staff members. They are available in Rutland at any time that the traveler arrives. We will provide contact information to you and your local authorities for all relevant staff this afternoon both on our call and electronically.

2. When and where specifically will the healthcare team members make initial contact w/ [REDACTED] to advise that daily monitoring is required?

VDH Rutland District office staff will make contact with the traveler immediately upon arrival in Rutland. We are in contact with CDC screening at JFK, Vermont Homeland Security and VIC, and local officials. If we are aware of the method of arrival in Vermont, the traveler will be met at his destination. If that arrival is in Burlington, our Health staff here in Burlington will meet him first. If possible, first contact will be made by telephone to ask about fever or symptoms then to be followed by face to face contact as per CDC recommendations.

In the case of a traveler that has attempted to or has in fact provided medical care or otherwise been in close contact with someone that has Ebola, we will ask first for the traveler to participate in voluntary quarantine for 21 days from the time they left the affected countries or had close contact with an Ebola patient. If the traveler refuses to enter voluntary quarantine, they will be served with a public health order to be quarantined for the same time period. In either case, twice daily face-to-face contact will be made by VDH local staff to monitor for fever and symptoms. Based on our knowledge of the specific traveler from Rutland we have discussed, we anticipate that we will be asking the traveler to enter voluntary quarantine. If the traveler refuses to comply, an emergency order will be on hand and ready to deliver to the traveler (more below).

3. If the healthcare team members fail to make initial contact w/ [REDACTED] and he makes contact with local officials, do those local officials have the legal authority to advise [REDACTED] that daily monitoring is required?

We would ask local officials to notify us as soon as they become aware of the traveler if he arrives unannounced. Local VDH staff will be available at any time to make this contact with the traveler.

4. Where will [REDACTED] reside as he is undergoing daily monitoring?

If the traveler has a residence, he/she will be quarantined in that location. During quarantine, the traveler will not be permitted to leave the residence. Food and other necessities will be provided, either by AHS or an associated agency.

5. If [REDACTED] as he asserts, where will the daily monitoring occur and what would be the DoH plan to keep contact if [REDACTED]?

If the traveler does not have a residence, AHS economic services will be contacted to find a location for him/her for the quarantine period. They are currently actively searching for a location for the current individual as a contingency plan and we are attempting to secure a location by COB today.

6. If [REDACTED] complies with daily monitoring, has no movement restrictions, but subsequently approaches the press (as he has done in Rutland before) to provide details of his travels as already publicly posted on Facebook, who specifically will fill role as PIO?

We would request that VDH and the Rutland local officials share a Joint Information System and coordinate messaging. Nancy Erickson, the director of communications for VDH will be the lead for us.

7. If he is asked to voluntarily quarantine, where specifically will the voluntary quarantine take place?

Whether voluntary or not, quarantine will be spent at the traveler's residence. If the traveler does not have a residence, as indicated above, AHS will assign them a location for the quarantine period.

8. If he is deemed non-compliant for daily monitoring, and the Commissioner exercises the authority to involuntarily quarantine, where specifically will the involuntary quarantine take place, who specifically will place [REDACTED] into that location, and what security measures will be established to enforce the quarantine?

If a traveler has indicated that they do not intend to comply or at any point fails to comply with the voluntary quarantine, VDH will work with law enforcement to deliver the health order and enforce it. VDH will request that the local Sheriff or law enforcement personnel provide 24/7 posting of an officer to the traveler's residence or in the case of homelessness, to the location that we have provided for him/her to be quarantined.

VDH would suggest a conference call/meeting this afternoon at 1600 with Rutland elected officials, Rutland PD, Rutland Sheriff and any other necessary local partners. If this is acceptable, the following conference line is available: [REDACTED] room [REDACTED]. We ask that Rutland-based VDH staff can either host the meeting locally or travel to city offices.

Sincerely,

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From: Christopher Louras [<mailto:mayorlouras@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, October 24, 2014 8:07 AM
To: Dolan, Tracy
Cc: Spaulding, Jeb; Manning, Michael; Miller, Elizabeth; Rogan, Bob; Allen, Susan; Baker, James; Flynn, Joe; Flynn, Keith; Covell, David; Chen, Harry; Tom Huebner; Mary Nemeth; Hopkins, Richmond
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Spaulding, Jeb

From: Miller, Elizabeth
Sent: Saturday, October 25, 2014 9:54 AM
To: Spaulding, Jeb
Subject: Fwd: Mission accomplished??

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Allen, Susan" <Susan.Allen@state.vt.us>
Date: October 24, 2014 at 6:06:16 PM EDT
To: "Rogan, Bob" <Bob.Rogan@mail.house.gov>
Cc: "Miller, Elizabeth" <Elizabeth.Miller@state.vt.us>
Subject: Re: Mission accomplished??

Great. [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 24, 2014, at 5:55 PM, "Rogan, Bob" <Bob.Rogan@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Fyi

Sent using BlackBerry

From: Marcus, Robert [mailto:Robert_N_Marcus@who.eop.gov]
Sent: Friday, October 24, 2014 05:51 PM
To: Rogan, Bob
Subject:

<http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2014/10/24/new-york-new-jersey-set-up-mandatory-quarantine-requirement-amid-ebola-threat/>

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Sent: Monday, October 27, 2014 8:45 AM
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Subject: Re: Health protocol for travelers - update- Our situation was referred to in the attached New York Times article. Likely they will follow story here. See highlighted section

Thanks. We are considering this in our preparation and communication plans this morning.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 27, 2014, at 8:35 AM, "Tom Huebner" <thuebner@rrmc.org> wrote:

N.Y. / REGION

The Flu, TB and Now Ebola: A Rare Legal Remedy Returns

By BENJAMIN WEISER and J. DAVID GOODMAN OCT. 26, 2014

Photo

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Passengers passing through U.S. Customs at Newark Liberty International Airport on Sunday. Credit Robert Stolarik for The New York Times

It was nearly 100 years ago that an influenza pandemic led to sweeping quarantines in American cities, and it was more than two decades ago that patients in New York were forced into isolation after an outbreak of tuberculosis.

In modern America, public health actions of such gravity are remarkably rare. So the decisions by New York and New Jersey on Friday to quarantine some travelers returning from the Ebola zone in West Africa have taken public officials into unfamiliar legal and medical territory.

From public health advocates and civil liberties lawyers has come sharp criticism, and the first person to be detained under the new protocol, a nurse who was quarantined in New Jersey upon returning

from Sierra Leone, lashed out on Sunday at Gov. Chris Christie as her lawyer said he would mount a legal challenge to her confinement.

Mr. Christie on Sunday defended his policy, and Florida and Illinois have ordered similar restrictions. In Connecticut, nine people who may have been exposed to Ebola have been confined to their homes under an order signed by Gov. Dannel P. Malloy on Oct. 7.

But on Sunday night, barely two days after his joint announcement with Mr. Christie, Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo of New York announced his state would not go as far as New Jersey has.

The nurse, Kaci Hickox, gave a critical interview to CNN on Sunday. Later, in an email to The New York Times, she wrote, "My human rights have been violated, and we must react in order to ensure that other health care workers do not endure such injustice."

Donna E. Lieberman, the executive director of the New York Civil Liberties Union, said the most restrictive protocols are far too broad.

"The current order is sweeping in individuals who are asymptomatic and who may never develop symptoms," Ms. Lieberman said. "I think there is a serious question as to whether the governor has the authority to impose the broad quarantine that he has imposed," she added.

The quarantine by New Jersey of medical workers returning from Ebola-afflicted areas of West Africa is virtually without precedent in the modern history of the nation, public health and legal experts said on Sunday.

"This is, I think, pushing the envelope quite a bit and is highly counterproductive," Lawrence O. Gostin, a professor of global health law at Georgetown University, said. "I can't think of a situation where any jurisdiction in the United States in modern times has simply quarantined a whole class of people."

In a new era of mass travel and global pandemics, public health officials have seen the utility of quarantines to rein in outbreaks that appear to be spiraling out of control. But the approach, experts said, is an extreme one.

"It doesn't seem like we're to that stage yet," Steven D. Gravely said, a lawyer who helped Virginia rewrite its laws on quarantine to make it easier for the state to respond quickly to disease outbreaks. Instead, he said, "there's so much anxiety right now, that's become the problem."

Government officials, he added, need to explain "why are you doing this, what do you hope to accomplish. Because otherwise people read into it things that are not there."

The power to impose quarantines derives from the general police power granted to states in the Constitution. But over the last century, state and federal authorities have moved away from broadly quarantining categories of people, said Mr. Gostin, adding that one would have to reach back to the influenza pandemic of 1918 to begin to find the sort of blanket approach being employed in response to Ebola in New Jersey.

General quarantines, seen as having only limited effectiveness even when employed against the flu a century ago, fell out of favor as antibiotics and other treatments were developed to more directly address the contagious without affecting those who might have been exposed but display no sickness.

At the height of the AIDS epidemic, quarantines were supported in some quarters, but no such measures were ever adopted. Similarly, there were no quarantines in the United States during recent pandemics of H1N1 or SARS.

The last time patients in New York City were forced into isolation came with the outbreak of multidrug-resistant tuberculosis in the early 1990s, said Wendy E. Parmet, professor of health policy and law at Northeastern University School of Law. In those cases, officials targeted those recalcitrant patients who refused to take their medications, she said, rather than every person who tested positive, and even that practice faced court challenges. The approach resulted in the less restrictive “directly observed therapy,” in which patients were forced to take medications in front of officials, she said.

“I’m very troubled by what we’re seeing and not seeing,” Ms. Parmet said of the current isolation efforts. “Coming down hard makes good press but it doesn’t make good public health,” she said.

Ms. Parmet added: “Treating nurses like criminals is not the way to go.”

While Mr. Cuomo provided the first details of New York’s plans, New Jersey has provided little information about how it plans to carry out its quarantine process.

“I’m very worried about it,” Mr. Gostin said. “We used to think that we had balanced public health and civil liberties, but I think in this case we have forgotten that balance. And I’m one who thinks that we should always privilege public health. I’m not a civil libertarian.”

Udi Ofer, the head of the American Civil Liberties Union in New Jersey, said the policy of quarantining health care workers like Ms. Hickox raised serious concerns “about the state abusing its powers” and could spread the very fear that the order appeared aimed at counteracting.

"By forcibly detaining people, we are also frightening the public and may deter genuinely sick people who fear quarantine from seeking the treatments they deserve," Mr. Ofer said in an email.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which formulates and advises on policies such as infection control, does not have regulatory authority over domestic health emergencies. That falls to the states. However, the policy announced on Friday relates to international movement, a realm that legal experts say is solidly within the bounds of federal authority

"If the feds thought the quarantine imposed by the three states interferes with federal authority over international or interstate movement, they could challenge what the states have done," David Paul Fidler said, a law professor at Indiana University and an expert on quarantine.

And the virus has presented at least one unusual challenge for law enforcement agencies, senior American officials said on Sunday. They described how agencies had urgently investigated a man who wrote a bizarre post on social media that he was going to try and contract Ebola in Africa and then return to the United States.

According to senior American officials, the man traveled to the West African country of Guinea in the past month in the hopes of working alongside humanitarian assistance organizations treating patients. The organizations quickly determined that the man had no medical expertise and was acting strangely, and they turned him away

Even though his Facebook post indicated that he was mentally unstable, mentioning a time machine at one point, a multi-agency investigation was launched that involved the F.B.I., Customs and Border Protection, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In Guinea, C.D.C. officials interviewed the man and took his temperature several times, and determined that he showed no signs of the virus. The C.D.C. had no legal ability to hold the man and he is not in the custody of American or Guinean authorities there, American officials said Sunday.

By Sunday night, officials said they do not believe they can stop him from returning to the United States, but said federal authorities would be closely monitoring him when he arrived, likely in the next several days.

"It's not that we were trying to prevent him from returning, we were just ensuring that he didn't pose a health risk to other travelers," said a senior American official. "When we determined that he didn't pose a risk we had no issue with him flying home."

Spaulding, Jeb

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Sent: Monday, October 27, 2014 10:59 AM
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Just a heads up. We learned that WCAX is sending Kyle Midura, one of their top reporters to Rutland today. Not sure if its related but its somewhat unusual from him to get sent down there as Chittenden County and Montpelier are normally his range of coverage,

Nick

Nick Sherman
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Quarantine and Active Monitoring

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About Ebola

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Subject: Re: Health protocol for travelers - update- Our situation was referred to in the attached New York Times article. Likely they will follow story here. See highlighted section

Thanks. We are considering this in our preparation and communication plans this morning.

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Sent: Sunday, October 26, 2014 11:14 PM
To: Spaulding, Jeb; Allen, Susan; GPS
Subject: NYTimes: Under Pressure, Cuomo Says Ebola Quarantines Will Allow Home Isolation

Cuomo office noted protocols not finalized and signed as of this afternoon. Tonight, change after pressure, fyi.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/10/27/nyregion/ebola-quarantine.html?smid=nytcore-iphone-share&smprod=nytcore-iphone>

Facing fierce resistance from the White House and medical experts, Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo said that people quarantined in New York who do not show symptoms of the disease would be allowed to remain at home.

Sent from my iPhone

Mishaan, Jessica

From: Allen, Susan
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 3:26 PM
To: Miller, Elizabeth
Subject: FW: Joint Press Opportunity

From: Jill Mazza Olson [mailto:Jill@vahhs.org]
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 3:16 PM
To: Allen, Susan
Subject: Joint Press Opportunity

Hi Sue,

Wanted to chat about doing a joint press release or other press announcement re: Ebola. As you probably know, VDH has just sent to hospitals an invite to a call on Friday and a letter that finalizes a really important piece of the plan: suspected cases will be routed to FAHC or Dartmouth, using their transport services. This is an excellent step.

Anyway, we'd like to do a press release about it, thought it might be something good to do with you. Let me know!

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Mishaan, Jessica

From: Miller, Elizabeth
Sent: Friday, October 31, 2014 9:36 AM
To: Bell, Chris
Subject: Re: Call this afternoon

3 pm would be perfect if possible or later

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 31, 2014, at 9:28 AM, Bell, Chris <Chris.Bell@state.vt.us> wrote:

Liz,

Tracy asked me to set up a meeting for several of us this afternoon to talk about contingencies. Your schedule is probably the most tight. Do you have a 30 minute window for a meeting sometime after 1pm today? I can then send invitations to all necessary.

Thanks,

CB

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From: Courtney Burke <Courtney.Burke@exec.ny.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2014 3:32 PM
To: Miller, Elizabeth
Subject: RE: Vermont traveler from Guinea

Thank you for great coordination and reaching out. Hopefully we won't have to talk again.
Courtney

From: Miller, Elizabeth [mailto:Elizabeth.Miller@state.vt.us]
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2014 3:21 PM
To: Courtney Burke
Subject: RE: Vermont traveler from Guinea

Thanks for the help/assistance; appreciate it. Liz

From: Courtney Burke [mailto:Courtney.Burke@exec.ny.gov]
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Passenger on way to VT with VT authorities

From: Miller, Elizabeth [mailto:Elizabeth.Miller@state.vt.us]
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2014 12:06 PM
To: Courtney Burke
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I believe our Health Operations Team lead Chris Bell has left you a message. We could use assistance in obtaining some sort of process – whether a transport order to the border or other temporary order – that would allow our Health Operations Team to transport him to Vermont in the event he refuses a ride voluntarily. I understand that our state epidemiologist made that request to NY state health and was told no authority existed; NYC health declined to issue any order stating that their own monitoring protocol would dictate (we also spoke with the feds, as noted). The individuals contacted were as follows:

Bradley Tompkins, Infectious Disease Epidemiologist for VDH contacted NYS: Andie Newman, Veterinary Epidemiologist and NYC: Joel Achelsberg, medical epidemiologist in communicable diseases and CDC: Mark Lobato, Medical Officer with Division of Global Migration and Quarantine. All of these asks were made today and yesterday.

Without NY to VT border help, we will have no means to bring him out of New York safely to his home state in the event he is not willing to cooperate.

We have an admittedly very unusual situation here that would not apply to pretty much any other traveler situation we'd face.

[REDACTED] Vermont has protocols in place for active voluntary monitoring and, if needed, involuntary quarantine. While we would very much hope to work with this individual simply to monitor as allowed under the protocol, we cannot expect he will comply.

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[See final highlighted paragraphs]

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On Oct 27, 2014, at 10:21, "Bell, Chris" <Chris.Bell@state.vt.us> wrote:

Good morning,

We'd like to offer to have a brief call this morning at 1130 to update on the current status of this issue. Please call [REDACTED] room [REDACTED]

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Sent from my iPhone

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Sheriff Benard has advised of a delay while the team awaits an updated order.....

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On Oct 26, 2014, at 6:43 PM, "Miller, Elizabeth" <Elizabeth.Miller@state.vt.us> wrote:

I have updated the NY executive office, port authority, homeland security and health officials with the current information known to Vermont and have requested further coordination with NY in the event he lands lands at JFK and otherwise clears the health screenings. I have been assured that they are taking this matter very seriously and are fully aware of the situation and willing to work with us.

I have informed NY that Chris Bell, our Health Operations Center incident commander, and Lt. Manning of VT Homeland Security, will serve as Vermont's main Points of Contact for that coordination. They will be in touch with their counterparts to discuss the situation further, with the goal of ensuring that this traveler has a safe, certain path for transport if he lands and otherwise clears screening, for his own sake and for the public. They are also working to complete the logistics of voluntary, monitored quarantine, or if necessary involuntary, in the event it must occur in Vermont. I know they will be in touch with many of you directly as they execute.

We will continue to monitor progress here, of course. Vermont Department of Health will serve as public information officers in this matter should it become necessary, and will coordinate through Sue Allen to ensure that any public safety or other contacts are looped in as needed.

Thanks to everyone for your work on this matter and your attention to the many issues it presents. Much appreciated.

Liz

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On Oct 26, 2014, at 2:42 PM, "Miller, Elizabeth"
<Elizabeth.Miller@state.vt.us> wrote:

I spoke and emailed today with Alexander Cochran, Special Counsel to Gov. Cuomo. The information on travel status for this individual was shared with Courtney Burke, health care advisor to Gov. Cuomo, Jerome Hauer, commissioner of NY Homeland Security, and David Garten, exec dir of the NY Port Authority. I made clear that our Vermont agencies had already reached out, and I have received acknowledgment from Comm. Hauer that NY teams are looped in and on top of it.

Liz

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Mishaan, Jessica

From: Miller, Elizabeth
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2014 12:09 PM
To: 'Courtney Burke'
Subject: RE: Vermont traveler from Guinea

Thank you...

From: Courtney Burke [mailto:Courtney.Burke@exec.ny.gov]
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2014 12:07 PM
To: Miller, Elizabeth
Subject: Re: Vermont traveler from Guinea

We spoke. He is sending me your order.
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From: Miller, Elizabeth [mailto:Elizabeth.Miller@state.vt.us]
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2014 12:05 PM
To: Courtney Burke
Subject: Vermont traveler from Guinea

I believe our Health Operations Team lead Chris Bell has left you a message. We could use assistance in obtaining some sort of process – whether a transport order to the border or other temporary order – that would allow our Health Operations Team to transport him to Vermont in the event he refuses a ride voluntarily. I understand that our state epidemiologist made that request to NY state health and was told no authority existed; NYC health declined to issue any order stating that their own monitoring protocol would dictate (we also spoke with the feds, as noted). The individuals contacted were as follows:

Bradley Tompkins, Infectious Disease Epidemiologist for VDH contacted NYS: Andie Newman, Veterinary Epidemiologist and NYC: Joel Achelsberg, medical epidemiologist in communicable diseases and CDC: Mark Lobato, Medical Officer with Division of Global Migration and Quarantine. All of these asks were made today and yesterday.

Without NY to VT border help, we will have no means to bring him out of New York safely to his home state in the event he is not willing to cooperate.

We have an admittedly very unusual situation here that would not apply to pretty much any other traveler situation we'd face.

[REDACTED] Vermont has protocols in place for active voluntary monitoring and, if needed, involuntary quarantine. While we would very much hope to work with this individual simply to monitor as allowed under the protocol, we cannot expect he will comply.

We are willing to take the unusual step to safely transport him back to Vermont, where he says he wishes to go, but unless we receive some assistance for transport from NY we will not be able to do so if he declines. In that case, this individual will be out on his own in New York, without assistance or monitoring. While he has stated the intention of taking public transportation back to Vermont, we have no way of knowing whether he will follow up on that, and we may lose an opportunity to help him and to conduct the monitoring for up to three weeks that would appear to be prudent here. We are willing to help make this situation more predictable and safe for him and for the public but need some help.

He is scheduled to arrive at [REDACTED] at JFK. Could you contact me or Chris at your earliest chance...thanks again for helping us work through this difficult issue.

[See final highlighted paragraphs]

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Sent: Monday, October 27, 2014 11:39 AM
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Subject: FW: Vermont traveler inquiry

Liz,

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Thanks,

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Sent: Monday, October 27, 2014 10:55 AM
To: Courtney.Burke@exec.ny.gov
Subject: Vermont traveler inquiry

Ms. Burke,

Elizabeth Miller in the Vermont executive office copied me on emails to you over the last few days. If you have an opportunity, could you call my cell to discuss the traveler that will be arriving at [REDACTED] at JFK and is ultimately bound for Vermont? I have a number of briefings today, but am free between now and 1115 or from 1145-12 and again from 1245-130.

[REDACTED]

Thanks,

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From: Nicholas Sherman [mailto:Nick@ksepartners.com]
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2014 9:58 AM
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Just a heads up. We learned that WCAX is sending Kyle Midura, one of their top reporters to Rutland today. Not sure if its related but its somewhat unusual from him to get sent down there as Chittenden County and Montpelier are normally his range of coverage,

Nick

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Subject: Re: Health protocol for travelers - update

Apologies,

Schedule change for this call. This will be at 1115. I will send an outlook invite shortly.

Thanks,

CB

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To: Bell, Chris; Miller, Elizabeth
Subject: RE: JFK

All,

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Mike

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Subject: RE: Heads up - Person of Interest attempting to traveling from Guinea to JFK

I just spoke with Lt. Mike Manning of the Vermont State Police. He informs me that Sherriff Steve Bernard is driving from Vermont to JFK. The Sherriff has an Involuntary Confinement Order for [REDACTED]. It is there hope that [REDACTED] will voluntarily come to Vermont with them. If he does not, the Vermont order is not enforceable in NY. The Sheriff will request assistance in having a New York Order served on [REDACTED]. I am contacting the Sheriff and will provide a PAPD escort for him. I will work with Mike Moran and John Seldon coordinating with NYS and NYC Health.

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Inspector please keep group posted on status
John thanks

From: Selden, John
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Pat, per the Federal Air Marshal Service and PAPD, [REDACTED] is onboard [REDACTED] and will arrive JFK [REDACTED] John

From: Roland, John
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2014 8:30 AM
To: Bambury, John; Selden, John
Subject: Fw: Heads up - Person of Interest attempting to traveling from Guinea to JFK

Confirmation from FAM regarding [REDACTED]

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: Link, Matthew T. <Matthew.T.Link@ole.tsa.dhs.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2014 08:08
To: Roland, John
Cc: Valdes, John; EDDY, GREGORY L
Subject: RE: Heads up - Person of Interest attempting to traveling from Guinea to JFK

John.... FYI the TECS manifest does confirm that he is on board [REDACTED]

Matthew Link

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From: Foye, Patrick
Sent: Sunday, October 26, 2014 6:38 PM
To: 'Elizabeth.Miller@state.vt.us'; 'Courtney.Burke@exec.ny.gov'; 'Chris.Bell@state.vt.us'; 'Michael.Manning@state.vt.us'
Cc: 'jerome.hauer@dhses.ny.gov'; 'Alexander.Cochran@exec.ny.gov'; 'Patrick.Hooker@exec.ny.gov'; 'Jeb.Spaulding@state.vt.us'; 'Callan.Smith@exec.ny.gov'; 'dgarten@mtahq.org'; 'mary.kavaney@exec.ny.gov'; 'Sandi.Toll@exec.ny.gov'; 'howard.zucker@health.ny.gov'; 'Sue.kelly@health.ny.gov'; 'Sally.Dreslin@exec.ny.gov'; Moran, Michael (Aviation); Selden, John; Bambury, John
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Elizabeth we are taking this as seriously as you are. CDC, CBP, PAPD and USSS have been notified.

I've cc'd my colleagues, Mike Moran, General Manager of JFK, and John Selden, Deputy General Manager of JFK, and ask them to let this group know when they learn whether this person is bound for JFK.

I've also cc'd inspector Bambury who leads the PAPD presence at JFK.

Pat

From: Miller, Elizabeth [mailto:Elizabeth.Miller@state.vt.us]

Sent: Sunday, October 26, 2014 06:32 PM

To: Courtney Burke <Courtney.Burke@exec.ny.gov>; Bell, Chris <Chris.Bell@state.vt.us>; Manning, Michael <Michael.Manning@state.vt.us>

Cc: Foye, Patrick; Jerome Hauer (dhses.ny.gov) <jerome.hauer@dhses.ny.gov>; Alexander Cochran <Alexander.Cochran@exec.ny.gov>; Patrick Hooker <Patrick.Hooker@exec.ny.gov>; Spaulding, Jeb <Jeb.Spaulding@state.vt.us>; Callan Smith <Callan.Smith@exec.ny.gov>; dgarten@mtahq.org <dgarten@mtahq.org>; Mary Kavaney <Mary.Kavaney@exec.ny.gov>; Sandi Toll <Sandi.Toll@exec.ny.gov>; Howard Zucker (health.ny.gov) <howard.zucker@health.ny.gov>; Sue Kelly (health.ny.gov) <sue.kelly@health.ny.gov>; Sally Dreslin <Sally.Dreslin@exec.ny.gov>

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Thank you very much. Understood.

In the event it is needed, here is information regarding Vermont's response to this incident and our requests for coordination should [REDACTED] arrive in NY:

State of Vermont activated our Health Operations Center last week to help coordinate any needed statewide response to this virus, including to [REDACTED] case.

Chris Bell is the Incident Commander and senior member of the Department of Health handling this situation. He is copied here on the To: line for ease.

Lt. Michael Manning is our lead state Homeland Security member, also copied on the To: line above.

Either of them could provide appropriate officials with additional information about this traveler if needed; it is our understanding that he intends to return to Vermont after arriving at JFK. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] That presents some additional challenges in this situation, as you can appreciate.

We understand that [REDACTED] cleared CDC and State Dept screening in Guinea.

We understand that [REDACTED] is en route to [REDACTED] at this time. He is scheduled to depart [REDACTED] JFK, departing at [REDACTED] eastern time and arriving at [REDACTED] eastern [REDACTED]

We understand that [REDACTED] has stated that he plans to take Amtrak from NYC to Rutland VT. There is one train on that route per day, [REDACTED] from NYC. Therefore it is likely that absent another plan for travel [REDACTED] would not depart NYC to Vermont until [REDACTED]

We of course will not know whether he is en route to JFK until after [REDACTED]
We understand that airport screening will definitely occur at JFK, [REDACTED]

Based upon Vermont's understanding of [REDACTED] history, posts, and [REDACTED] Vt Dept of Health believes quarantine is warranted.

Vermont would seek voluntary, monitored quarantine from this traveler, and has already prepared a written order for involuntary quarantine in the event it is needed.

Vermont Department of Health (Chris Bell) and Homeland Security (Lt. Manning) would like to further coordinate with NY regarding arrival and transfer tomorrow.

In the event that [REDACTED] clears all such screening and is not otherwise subject to quarantine in NY, we would like to work with NY to help ensure his safe and prompt transport back to Vermont, for his sake as well as for the assurance of public safety in light of the uncertain circumstances.

Vermont may choose to send a team to NY for that purpose, or may otherwise arrange with NY officials to accomplish a transport and transfer. Chris Bell and Lt. Manning will be reaching out to their contacts to discuss options.

Obviously, jurisdictional issues have to be addressed, by for example providing NY with the Vermont order and asking for NY assistance

to issue an order enforceable in New York during transport to allow both jurisdictions to ensure [REDACTED] is given an opportunity for safe transport back to Vermont with provision for appropriate voluntary, monitored quarantine, or involuntary if necessary.

We very much understand that this is an evolving situation and that NY/NJ are working hard to put proper procedures in place to account for the myriad different circumstances you are facing. We appreciate your willingness to work with us to help ensure [REDACTED] arrival in NY and transport back to Vermont is safe for him and for the public at large, in the event he arrives, is not symptomatic, and is not subject to being held for other reasons.

I will expect that Chris Bell and Lt. Manning will take over as primary Points of Contact with NY officials. Thank you again for your help today - very much appreciated.

Elizabeth H. Miller
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On Oct 26, 2014, at 5:25 PM, "Courtney Burke" <Courtney.Burke@exec.ny.gov> wrote:

Ok - just keep us posted of any developments. Tnx.

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Sent: Sunday, October 26, 2014 5:21 PM
To: Courtney Burke; Jerome Hauer (dhses.ny.gov); 'Elizabeth.Miller@state.vt.us'
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Courtney this is under control. [REDACTED]

From: Courtney Burke [<mailto:Courtney.Burke@exec.ny.gov>]
Sent: Sunday, October 26, 2014 05:02 PM
To: Jerome Hauer (dhses.ny.gov) <jerome.hauer@dhses.ny.gov>; Elizabeth.Miller@state.vt.us

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I spoke with Elizabeth Miller. We agreed to keep each other informed of any developments. Bottom line is that we need to be absolutely on top of this and ready to respond accordingly should this person arrive at JFK. DOH staff will be on-site tomorrow, although I understand [REDACTED]

If anything new transpires, my cell is [REDACTED]

Courtney

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From: Hauer, Jerome (DHSES) [<mailto:Jerome.Hauer@dhses.ny.gov>]

Sent: Sunday, October 26, 2014 3:46 PM

To: Courtney Burke; Elizabeth.Miller@state.vt.us; Pat Foye

Cc: Alexander Cochran; Patrick Hooker; Jeb.Spaulding@state.vt.us; Callan Smith; DGARTEN@mtahq.org

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I don't think he's going anywhere. [REDACTED]

Jerome M. Hauer, Ph.D, MHS

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From: Courtney Burke [<mailto:Courtney.Burke@exec.ny.gov>]

Sent: Sunday, October 26, 2014 3:36 PM

To: Elizabeth.Miller@state.vt.us

Cc: Cochran, Alexander (CHAMBER); Hauer, Jerome (DHSES); Hooker, Patrick (CHAMBER); Jeb.Spaulding@state.vt.us; Smith, Callan (CHAMBER); DGARTEN@mtahq.org
Subject: Re: Heads up - Person of Interest attempting to traveling from Guinea to JFK

I will call. I'm just stuck on other calls finalizing protocols, scenarios, etc.

From: Miller, Elizabeth [<mailto:Elizabeth.Miller@state.vt.us>]
Sent: Sunday, October 26, 2014 03:30 PM
To: Courtney Burke
Cc: Alexander Cochran; Jerome Hauer (dhSES.ny.gov); Patrick Hooker; Spaulding, Jeb <Jeb.Spaulding@state.vt.us>; Callan Smith; DGARTEN@mtahq.org <DGARTEN@mtahq.org>
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The State of Vermont team is having a 5 PM update call on this situation. The question most of interest to our agencies and departments is whether New York would plan to institute a quarantine in the event [REDACTED] lands at JFK. Please give me a call to discuss, Courtney, if you are able. Thank you. Liz Miller
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 26, 2014, at 2:40 PM, Courtney Burke <Courtney.Burke@exec.ny.gov> wrote:

Elizabeth,
I'm on other calls now, but will call you when I can to discuss.
Courtney

From: Miller, Elizabeth [<mailto:Elizabeth.Miller@state.vt.us>]
Sent: Sunday, October 26, 2014 02:37 PM
To: Alexander Cochran
Cc: Courtney Burke; Jerome Hauer (dhSES.ny.gov); Patrick Hooker; Spaulding, Jeb <Jeb.Spaulding@state.vt.us>; Callan Smith; David P. Garten <DGARTEN@mtahq.org>
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Thanks all - I will ensure our team here knows of the exec office contact. Appreciate it. Please be in touch for any further information you need, particularly if the details of [REDACTED] situation are not already known to the agencies directly. I suspect that they are. We are very interested in ensuring a solid plan is in place for his possible arrival, and helping in any way we can.

Elizabeth H. Miller
Chief of Staff, Governor Peter Shumlin
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elizabeth.miller@state.vt.us

On Oct 26, 2014, at 2:32 PM, "Alexander Cochran" <Alexander.Cochran@exec.ny.gov> wrote:

Courtney/Jerry/Pat

Pls see below from our friends in Vermont Gov's office re:
person who may be coming our way and pass on to
whoever needs to know.

Elizabeth: beside the gov's healthcare advisor I've also
included our commish of homeland security and our exec
dir of the Port Authority.

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Alexander Cochran
Special Counsel
Governor Cuomo
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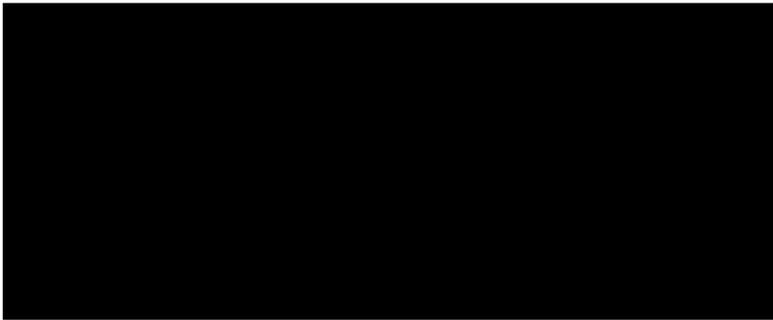
From: Miller, Elizabeth
Sent: Sunday, October 26, 2014 2:13 PM
To: Alexander Cochran
Cc: Spaulding, Jeb
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Alexander:

Thanks for returning my call. Thank you also for passing
on the below information to Courtney Burke at the
Executive Office and getting us in touch with one
another. I am copying our Secretary of Administration Jeb
Spaulding who has been involved with coordinating all
Vermont state resources on this matter.

Below is brief information about an individual named 





CBP Assistant Port Director Jim McMillan has been notified and a request for CBP CAT to trace/track flights and boardings has been made. Vermont Health, Public Safety, Homeland Security, and local officials are all aware of the situation and I am told that they have informed NYS Public Safety, NYS Homeland Security and NYS Emergency Management.

I am confident that our respective state teams, and the federal government, are aware of this situation and planning well to handle it in the event of [REDACTED] arrival, but I thought it prudent to alert the Executive Office of the situation to ensure coordination among your state agencies and with Vermont officials. We have quite a bit more information to share relevant to this situation. I would appreciate a call from Courtney to provide additional information and any contacts that may be needed to best prepare in the event [REDACTED] makes it to JFK.

Thanks very much.

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From: Dolan, Tracy
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2014 8:45 AM
To: Tom Huebner
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Thanks. We are considering this in our preparation and communication plans this morning.

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which formulates and advises on policies such as infection control, does not have regulatory authority over domestic health emergencies. That falls to the states. However, the policy announced on Friday relates to international movement, a realm that legal experts say is solidly within the bounds of federal authority.

"If the feds thought the quarantine imposed by the three states interferes with federal authority over international or interstate movement, they could challenge what the states have done," David Paul Fidler said, a law professor at Indiana University and an expert on quarantine.

And the virus has presented at least one unusual challenge for law enforcement agencies, senior American officials said on Sunday. They described how agencies had urgently investigated a man who wrote a bizarre post on social media that he was going to try and contract Ebola in Africa and then return to the United States.

According to senior American officials, the man traveled to the West African country of Guinea in the past month in the hopes of working alongside humanitarian assistance organizations treating patients. The organizations quickly determined that the man had no medical expertise and was acting strangely, and they turned him away.

Even though his Facebook post indicated that he was mentally unstable, mentioning a time machine at one point, a multi-agency investigation was launched that involved the F.B.I., Customs and Border Protection, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In Guinea, C.D.C. officials interviewed the man and took his temperature several times, and determined that he showed no signs of the virus. The C.D.C. had no legal ability to hold the man and he is not in the custody of American or Guinean authorities there, American officials said Sunday.

By Sunday night, officials said they do not believe they can stop him from returning to the United States, but said federal authorities would be closely monitoring him when he arrived, likely in the next several days.

"It's not that we were trying to prevent him from returning, we were just ensuring that he didn't pose a health risk to other travelers," said a senior American official. "When we determined that he didn't pose a risk we had no issue with him flying home."

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“If the feds thought the quarantine imposed by the three states interferes with federal authority over international or interstate movement, they could challenge what the states have done,” David Paul Fidler said, a law professor at Indiana University and an expert on quarantine.

And the virus has presented at least one unusual challenge for law enforcement agencies, senior American officials said on Sunday. They described how agencies had urgently investigated a man who wrote a bizarre post on social media that he was going to try and contract Ebola in Africa and then return to the United States.

According to senior American officials, the man traveled to the West African country of Guinea in the past month in the hopes of working alongside humanitarian assistance organizations treating patients. The organizations quickly determined that the man had no medical expertise and was acting strangely, and they turned him away.

Even though his Facebook post indicated that he was mentally unstable, mentioning a time machine at one point, a multi-agency investigation was launched that involved the F.B.I., Customs and Border Protection, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In Guinea, C.D.C. officials interviewed the man and took his temperature several times, and determined that he showed no signs of the virus. The C.D.C. had no legal ability to hold the man and he is not in the custody of American or Guinean authorities there, American officials said Sunday.

By Sunday night, officials said they do not believe they can stop him from returning to the United States, but said federal authorities would be closely monitoring him when he arrived, likely in the next several days.

"It's not that we were trying to prevent him from returning, we were just ensuring that he didn't pose a health risk to other travelers," said a senior American official. "When we determined that he didn't pose a risk we had no issue with him flying home."

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Sent: Sunday, October 26, 2014 6:44 PM
To: Marcoux, Roger
Cc: Flynn, Joe; Dolan, Tracy; Manning, Michael; Hopkins, Richmond; Baker, James; Rogan, Bob; Flynn, Keith; Louras, Chris; Chen, Harry; Allen, Susan; Spaulding, Jeb; Covell, David; Mary Nemeth; Benard, Stephen; Bell, Chris
Subject: Re: Person of Interest - Update Sunday 1100

I have updated the NY executive office, port authority, homeland security and health officials with the current information known to Vermont and have requested further coordination with NY in the event he lands lands at JFK and otherwise clears the health screenings. I have been assured that they are taking this matter very seriously and are fully aware of the situation and willing to work with us.

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We will continue to monitor progress here, of course. Vermont Department of Health will serve as public information officers in this matter should it become necessary, and will coordinate through Sue Allen to ensure that any public safety or other contacts are looped in as needed.

Thanks to everyone for your work on this matter and your attention to the many issues it presents. Much appreciated.

Liz

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On Oct 26, 2014, at 2:42 PM, "Miller, Elizabeth" <Elizabeth.Miller@state.vt.us> wrote:

I spoke and emailed today with Alexander Cochran, Special Counsel to Gov. Cuomo. The information on travel status for this individual was shared with Courtney Burke, health care advisor to Gov. Cuomo, Jerome Hauer, commissioner of NY Homeland Security, and David Garten, exec dir of the NY Port Authority. I made clear that our Vermont agencies had already reached out, and I have received acknowledgment from Comm. Hauer that NY teams are looped in and on top of it.

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Subject: Re: 5 p.m. Conference Call re: Person of Interest

Will call in at 5.

> On Oct 26, 2014, at 3:37 PM, Flynn, Keith <Keith.Flynn@state.vt.us> wrote:

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> Got it

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> Sent from my iPhone

> Keith Flynn

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Sue

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Good afternoon Mayor Louras,

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Joanne Calvi, the district director for the VDH Rutland District Office and a public health nurse, is the lead for this contact and has briefed other staff members. They are available in Rutland at any time that the traveler arrives. We will provide contact information to you and your local authorities for all relevant staff this afternoon both on our call and electronically.

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We would ask local officials to notify us as soon as they become aware of the traveler if he arrives unannounced. Local VDH staff will be available at any time to make this contact with the traveler.

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If the traveler has a residence, he/she will be quarantined in that location. During quarantine, the traveler will not be permitted to leave the residence. Food and other necessities will be provided, either by AHS or an associated agency.

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We would request that VDH and the Rutland local officials share a Joint Information System and coordinate messaging. Nancy Erickson, the director of communications for VDH will be the lead for us.

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Recommend any conf call also include staff from Rep. Welch office, if not entire delegation.

My last commo w/ this guy [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

I reached back out, will advise if he responds.

Thanks for the quick response to this, I am not one to overreact but my radar is really lit up over this one.
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Sent: Sunday, October 19, 2014 5:28 PM
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Cell [REDACTED]

Allen, Susan

From: Erickson, Nancy
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2014 7:57 AM
To: Allen, Susan
Subject: FW: NYTimes: The Flu, TB and Now Ebola: A Rare Legal Remedy Returns

haven't read this yet, but apparently refers to our situation.

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On 10/27/14, 7:55 AM, "Nancy" <nancy@svivand.net> wrote:

><http://nyti.ms/1oN1Nsb>

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>The quarantine by New Jersey of medical workers returning from
>Ebola-afflicted areas of West Africa is virtually without precedent in
>the modern history of the United States, experts said on Sunday.

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>Sent from my iPhone

Allen, Susan

From: Miller, Elizabeth
Sent: Sunday, October 26, 2014 8:37 PM
To: Louras, Chris
Cc: Allen, Susan
Subject: Re: PIO

agreed and ready. I actually believe that we have good communication and a plan in place. Will still need local support and advice, of course. what a situation.

Elizabeth H. Miller
[REDACTED] cell
elizabeth.miller@state.vt.us

> On Oct 26, 2014, at 7:46 PM, "Christopher Louras" <mayorlouras@gmail.com> wrote:
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> Liz and Susan,
> I have stood down.
> Recommend that VDH PIOs are plugged into and prepared for Rutland social media network dynamic and the associated FB/Twitter challenges if this were to break, which we all hope does not occur.
> Chris

Allen, Susan

From: Manning, Michael
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 10:32 AM
To: Allen, Susan
Subject: FW: [REDACTED] coming back

FYI...

From: Judd, Derek M [mailto:Derek.M.Judd@ice.dhs.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 10:08 AM
To: Manning, Michael
Cc: karabinv@state.gov
Subject: RE: [REDACTED] coming back

Here is the latest from CDC in regards to their protocol involving travelers from the affected area in Africa...

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced that public health authorities will begin active post-arrival monitoring of travelers whose travel originates in Liberia, Sierra Leone, or Guinea. These travelers are now arriving to the United States at one of five airports where entry screening is being conducted by Customs and Border Protection and CDC. Active post-arrival monitoring means that travelers without febrile illness or symptoms consistent with Ebola will be followed up daily by state and local health departments for 21 days from the date of their departure from West Africa. Six states (New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, New Jersey, and Georgia), where approximately 70% of incoming travelers are headed, have already taken steps to plan and implement active post-arrival monitoring which will begin on Monday, October 27. Active post-arrival monitoring will begin in the remaining states in the days following. CDC is providing assistance with active post-arrival monitoring to state and local health departments, including information on travelers arriving in their states, and upon request, technical support, consultation and funding.

Active post-arrival monitoring is an approach in which state and local health officials maintain daily contact with all travelers from the three affected countries for the entire 21 days following their last possible date of exposure to Ebola virus. Twenty-one days is the longest time it can take from the time a person is infected with Ebola until that person has symptoms of Ebola.

Specifically, state and local authorities will require travelers to report the following information daily: their temperature and the presence or absence of other Ebola symptoms such as headache, joint and muscle aches, weakness, diarrhea, vomiting, stomach pain, lack of appetite, or abnormal bleeding; and their intent to travel in-state or out-of-state. In the event a traveler does not report in, state or local public health officials will take immediate steps to locate the individual to ensure that active monitoring continues on a daily basis.

In addition, travelers will receive a CARE (Check And Report Ebola) kit at the airport that contains a tracking log and pictorial description of symptoms, a thermometer, guidance for how to monitor with thermometer, a wallet card on who to contact if they have symptoms and that they can present to a health care provider, and a health advisory infographic on monitoring health for three weeks.

Active monitoring establishes daily contact between public health officials and travelers from the affected region. In the event a traveler begins to show symptoms, public health officials will implement an isolation and evaluation plan following appropriate protocols to limit exposure, and direct the individual to a local hospital that has been trained to receive potential Ebola patients.

Post arrival monitoring is an added safeguard that complements the existing exit screening protocols, which require all outbound passengers from the affected West African countries to be screened for fever, Ebola symptoms, and contact with Ebola and enhanced screening protocols at the five U.S. airports that will now receive all travelers from the affected countries. All three of these nations have asked for, and continue to receive, CDC assistance implementing exit screening.

From: Manning, Michael [<mailto:Michael.Manning@state.vt.us>]
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 9:26 AM
To: Judd, Derek M; Karabin, Viktor
Subject: RE: [REDACTED] coming back

From: Judd, Derek M [<mailto:Derek.M.Judd@ice.dhs.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 8:42 AM
To: Manning, Michael; Karabin, Viktor
Subject: RE: [REDACTED] coming back

From: Manning, Michael [<mailto:Michael.Manning@state.vt.us>]
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 4:53 PM
To: Karabin, Viktor; Judd, Derek M
Cc: Emmons, Mark
Subject: RE: [REDACTED] coming back

From: Karabin, Viktor [<mailto:KarabinV@state.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 4:51 PM
To: Manning, Michael; 'Derek.M.Judd@ice.dhs.gov'
Cc: 'mark.emmons@ic.fbi.gov'
Subject: Re: [REDACTED] coming back

From: Manning, Michael [<mailto:Michael.Manning@state.vt.us>]
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 04:44 PM
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Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 4:41 PM
To: Manning, Michael; Karabin, Viktor

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From: Manning, Michael
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 4:02:06 PM
To: Karabin, Viktor
Cc: Judd, Derek M; Emmons, Mark
Subject: RE: [REDACTED] coming back

Please note *new* e-mail address: michael.manning@state.vt.us

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To: Rogan, Bob; Miller, Elizabeth; Allen, Susan; Baker, James; Flynn, Joe; Flynn, Keith; Covell, David; Chen, Harry; Tom Huebner; Mary Nemeth; Hopkins, Richmond; Manning, Michael; Spaulding, Jeb

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Subject: Re: Guidance?

Mayor,

The police officer in me wonders if we know he is at a given location then what prevents an embassy from sending investigators (agents) to interview him and get a sense of his travel and future plans. Not sure of processes....

JB

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Mishaan, Jessica

From: Christopher Louras <mayorlouras@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 17, 2014 5:02 PM
To: Miller, Elizabeth
Subject: Ebola issue, honest

Liz,

I am assuming The Boss has been briefed, but if not, at a minimum he should know what I know.

Short story below, can speak at length at your request.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

He is in Guinea/Sierra Leone [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

He has scheduled his return trip to JFK [REDACTED]
Law Enforcement aware, including State Dept, DHS, TSA, Customs/Border Patrol, VSP, RutPD
We have been advised that CDC is aware.
Rutland Regional Medical Center aware, Sec. Chen aware.
I have traded emails with [REDACTED] will forward to you.

[REDACTED]