

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 14-280

(Establishes Ebola Virus Disease Response Protocol)

WHEREAS, the Ebola Virus Disease (“EVD”) is a severe, potentially fatal illness that can spread among humans through direct contact with the bodily fluid of an infected person or the remains of an infected person; and

WHEREAS, earlier this year, a new and significant outbreak of EVD emerged in West Africa; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization previously declared EVD a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; and

WHEREAS, in response to the recent EVD outbreak in West Africa, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) in cooperation with the United States Department of Homeland Security have instituted enhanced EVD screening for travelers from EVD-affected countries in West Africa at certain airports in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the CDC currently sends to the Florida Department of Health lists of travelers from EVD-affected countries for the purpose of monitoring persons with possible EVD exposure; and

WHEREAS, the CDC Interim Guidance for Monitoring and Movement of Persons with EVD Exposure currently recommends that asymptomatic travelers with a high risk of exposure to EVD be conditionally released to the community for self-monitoring and daily contact with public health authorities for a period of 21 days following the last known EVD exposure; and

WHEREAS, the CDC Interim Guidance also currently recommends that asymptomatic travelers with no known exposure to EVD engage in self-monitoring through twice daily temperature checks for a period of 21 days after leaving the EVD-affected country; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate to take action to ensure that EVD remains controlled, and that residents of Florida remain safe and secure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, as Governor of Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article IV, Section (1)(a) of the Florida Constitution, and all other applicable laws, do hereby promulgate the following Executive Order, to take immediate effect:

Section 1. The Florida Department of Health will actively monitor all asymptomatic travelers with no known exposure to EVD who are identified by the CDC as being located in Florida for a period of 21 days after leaving the EVD-affected country. Active monitoring by the Florida Department of Health will include at least the following:

- A. An in-person risk assessment within 12 hours of the traveler's arrival in Florida.
- B. Twice daily, in-person temperature checks of the traveler.

Section 2. The Florida Department of Health, pursuant to its authority in section 381.00315(4), Florida Statutes, will quarantine all high-risk travelers from EVD-affected countries in West Africa who are identified by the CDC as being located in Florida for a period of 21 days following last known EVD exposure.

Section 3. I hereby direct the Florida Department of Health to make its own determinations as to quarantine and other necessary public health interventions as permitted under Florida law.

Section 4. All agencies under the direction of the Governor are directed to fully cooperate with the Florida Department of Health, and any representative thereof in furtherance of this Order. Agencies not under the direction of the Governor are requested to provide such assistance as is required.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 25th day of October, 2014.

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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Detzner", written over a horizontal line.

SECRETARY OF STATE

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