

**SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL**

**SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL  
CONTROL**

**PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER**

**October 15, 2014**

**Background and Purpose for Public Health Order**

Ebola is a highly infectious and deadly virus with a high mortality rate. As of this date, there are several confirmed cases in the United States, and more than one hundred persons in quarantine who are subject to daily monitoring following exposure to infected individuals.

The Board of Health and Environmental Control (Board) and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) deem it necessary to enhance the ability of DHEC to maintain open and active communications with essential individuals and facilities, to prevent the spread of Ebola, to avoid imminent peril to the public, and to promote early identification and prevent potential for an outbreak. The Board and DHEC find it necessary to issue this Public Health Order for the protection of the public's health and to identify and establish a defined network of emergency communications.

**All individuals and entities listed in this Order must monitor and respond to notifications and requests from DHEC via the means described herein within 24 hours or the timeframe specified in the communication.**

This Public Health Order is issued pursuant to SC Code Sections 44-1-80 and 44-1-140. Actions required for compliance are as follows:

**I. Email Registration**

On or before Monday, October 20, 2014, the following categories of individuals and entities must register with the Health Preparedness Network (Network) by sending an email to the address listed below that applies to you, *unless* you received this Order directly via email from DHEC, in which case you are already registered. This Network allows you to receive one-way communications of public health importance, including but not limited to information, guidance and instruction, from DHEC regarding the Ebola virus.

**A. Email to: [RESPONDER-join@list.CIO.SC.GOV](mailto:RESPONDER-join@list.CIO.SC.GOV)**

Certified Emergency Medical Technicians  
Licensed ambulance services  
Licensed emergency medical responder agencies (non-transporting)  
911 operators/dispatchers  
911 Dispatch Centers  
Each Fire Department and individual Fire Chiefs

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**B. Email to: PROVIDER-join@list.CIO.SC.GOV**

Licensed hospitals and institutional general infirmaries  
Licensed facilities that treat individuals for psychoactive substance abuse or dependence  
Licensed intermediate care facilities for persons with intellectual disability  
Licensed nursing homes  
Licensed home health agencies  
Licensed hospice services and facilities  
Licensed community residential care facilities  
Licensed ambulatory surgical facilities  
Licensed renal dialysis facilities  
Licensed residential treatment facilities for children and adolescents  
Licensed in-home care provider agencies  
Licensed chiropractors  
Licensed medical providers, including physicians, medical examiners, osteopaths, physician assistants, and respiratory care practitioners  
All primary care physician offices, including but not limited to free clinics, FQHCs, Rural Health Clinics, pediatrician offices, internal medicine, general practitioners, and urgent care facilities  
Licensed nurses, including RNs, LPNs, advanced practice nurses (CRNAs, APRNs)  
Licensed pharmacists  
Licensed pharmacies and pharmacy-located clinics  
Licensed social workers  
Licensed veterinarians  
Certified athletic trainers  
Registered and permitted infectious waste transporters  
Licensed long-term health care administrators  
Laboratories, including but not limited to independent and those located within health care facilities;

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**C. Email to: DECEASED-join@list.CIO.SC.GOV**

All persons performing embalming, cremation and funeral services, including but not limited to cetermarians, funeralists, and morticians  
Coroners and deputy coroners

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**D. Email to: SCHOOL-join@list.CIO.SC.GOV**

Private institutions of higher learning  
Private school principals, headmasters, or other persons who operate private, independent, or parochial schools, and school nurses at each of these facilities

**II. Designee Registration**

In addition to the above registration, on or before October 20, 2014, the following facilities must also register on the DHEC website at [www.SCDHEC.gov](http://www.SCDHEC.gov). Click on "Facility - Health Preparedness Network Registration" to update existing information or subscribe for the first time. This Order requires the designee's name, email address, phone number, facility name, and position at the facility. This category of registration allows DHEC to request and receive information related to Ebola preparedness.

Licensed hospitals and institutional general infirmaries  
Licensed ambulance services  
Licensed emergency medical responder agencies (non-transporting)  
911 Dispatch Centers  
All primary care physician offices, including but not limited to free clinics, FQHCs, Rural Health Clinics,  
pediatrician offices, internal medicine, general practitioners, and urgent care facilities

Any questions related to required registration or requested information should be sent by email to DHEC  
at Ebola@dhec.sc.gov.

Violation of a Public Health Order issued pursuant to SC Code Section 44-1-140 may result in a civil  
penalty in accordance with SC Code Section 44-1-150.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.



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Allen Amsler, Chairman  
SC Board of Health and Environmental Control

10/15/2014

Date



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Catherine Templeton, Director  
SC Department of Health and Environmental Control

10/15/2014

Date