

BP GoM Region Ebola Screening



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New Ebola Health Screening Policy

Ebola screening will be effective March 30, 2015 and applies to GoM employees and contractors (GWO, GPO, GOO US Pipelines, and others) who travel to and from GoM offshore via PHI aircraft to production facilities, drilling rigs and floatels.

Although we believe that the risk of contracting Ebola is extremely low, the consequences of an Ebola case on one of our offshore facilities could be significant, having a major impact on workforce health and disrupting business continuity. Therefore, the GoM Region, along with other Upstream Regions with offshore and remote locations, is implementing Ebola screening to limit the potential for an Ebola case offshore. The screening questionnaire has been approved for use based on World Health Organization (WHO) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations.

BP Group Health continues to monitor the Ebola outbreak in West Africa and other countries along with the GoM Health Team. BP continues to have a global travel restriction for all non-essential travel to Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone.

How does this impact me?

A screening questionnaire will be used to identify individuals who may be at risk for an Ebola infection. Individuals who travel to our offshore facilities are the targeted population for screening. As a BP Supplier, you are being requested to communicate this information to your employees and sub-contractors.

Employees and contractors seeking to travel to or enter one of the BP offshore facilities will be asked to respond at the check-in kiosk or other departure points to these two questions:

- Have you stayed in or traveled through Guinea, Sierra Leone, or Liberia in the past 21 days?
- Have you been in contact with people confirmed or suspected of being infected with Ebola in the past 21 days?

In order to avoid potential impact to the work execution plans we highly recommend that you ask in advance the two questions included above to your people and/or to the employees of your subcontractors that are planning to go to our offshore facilities, and based on the responses determine if they will be in condition to go to the departure point (check-in kiosk or other).

What happens if I answer “Yes” to a screening question?

If you answer “Yes” to either of these questions, you will not be allowed to travel to / enter the offshore facilities for 21 days since leaving the affected country or last exposure, whichever is the latest.

You will be asked to complete a Contact Information Form, and a member of the GoM Region Health Team will contact you.

Where can I get additional information?

Contact Diana Haines, Occupational Health Advisor, (281) 366 3459 or Laura East, Occupational Health Advisor, (630) 851 5489 for more information regarding the screening process and questions prior to travelling to the heliport for offshore travel.

The BP GoM Health and Crisis and Continuity Management Teams continue to monitor the local situation and capability to respond to any reported Ebola cases and will share further updates as needed.