

## FAQ Ebola – GoM Offshore

1. **Why are we screening for Ebola in offshore workers?** BP Corporate has recommended all remote sites screen for Ebola. It is felt that, while risk is low, the consequences of an infection at a remote site may be severe.
2. **Why begin screening now?** Ebola continues to pose a life threatening risk to travellers. The CDC recommends no travel to affected areas. BP has restricted business travel but cannot restrict personal trips, vacations, missions, or health care work in affected countries. The U. S. continues to accept Ebola cases for treatment. For these reasons, a screening program has been created to begin immediately.
3. **When will screening stop?** Screening is expected to continue as long as there are severe outbreaks posing risks to travellers.
4. **What is the screening process?** You will be asked two (2) questions at the i-logistics kiosk. If the responses are No, you will proceed to board. If the response is Yes to either question, an attendant will complete a contact form and you will be instructed to call a BP nurse. You will not board the aircraft that day. Further instructions will be provided by the BP nurse.
5. **What are the 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?
6. **Why aren't examinations and temperature checks being performed at the heliport?** At this time, the risk of an Ebola case in the heliport is very low and additional medical evaluation is not necessary.
7. **I have not been screened for other jobs, why is BP Offshore screening?** Safety is the utmost priority at all of our facilities. Offshore facilities are unique because personnel work in close quarters and there is limited ability to diagnose, isolate, or treat a potential Ebola case. BP feels this is the appropriate course of action at this time.
8. **If I travelled or had contact as described, what are the recommendations?** It is recommended that you contact Louisiana Department of Public Health (1-855-LA-EBOLA) and your physician by phone. A quarantine period of 21 days after last travel or contact may be recommended.
9. **What should I do if I have a concern about a co-worker that may have the disease or has been exposed?** Keep your distance, avoid contact with their personal items, and immediately notify the medic. The medic will notify medical control and you can remain anonymous.
10. **What if I refuse the heliport screening?** For the safety of others, please cooperate. The Kiosk will not allow you to board if you do not answer the questions. Please contact the Occupational Health nurse with any concerns.
11. **Should I take any special precautions working offshore?** Usual precautions against flu and viral illnesses include washing hands, practice careful hygiene, avoid sharing items or close contact with those who are ill. Ebola is not infectious without symptoms and of limited infectivity early in disease. No special precautions beyond these are currently recommended.
12. **Where can I go for more information Ebola disease and transmission?**  
<http://safetyandoperations.bpweb.bp.com/en/HSSE/Health/Ebola.aspx> (BP Intranet) or  
[www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/](http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/) (Internet). The BP GoM Occupational Health nurse can be reached at 281-380-8416 (Diana Haines RN) or 630-851-5489 (Laura East RN).