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JOINT EBOLA STATEMENT BY NYC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND NYC HEALTH AND HOSPITALS CORPORATION

Today, the City is announcing several updates on the Ebola situation in New York City.

- The City is announcing that, after an additional physician review, one individual under quarantine because of contact with Dr. Spencer will now be subject to direct active monitoring. The individual poses no public health threat and is showing no symptoms. This person's daily movements in New York City will no longer be restricted, and the individual will be assessed twice each day by Health Department staff. One individual in New York City currently remains under quarantine.
- The patient being treated for Ebola at HHC Bellevue Hospital Center continues to show improvement and is stable. He remains in isolation and is receiving treatment.
- The City is also providing an update on the number of individuals under active monitoring in New York City. As of Wednesday, November 5th, 357 individuals are being actively monitored by the Health Department. The vast majority of these individuals are travelers arriving in New York City within the past 21 days from the three Ebola-affected countries who are being monitored post-arrival, as well as Bellevue Hospital staff caring for Dr. Spencer. The list also includes FDNY EMS staff who transported Dr. Spencer to Bellevue and the lab workers who conducted Dr. Spencer's blood test. All of these individuals are being monitored out of an abundance of caution, and none are showing any symptoms. The number of individuals who will be actively monitored will continue to fluctuate as people arrive or depart New York City, we learn more about people's exposures, and 21 days of monitoring has passed.

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