Health Alert – Ebola Awareness

The Ebola threat to the Hostos Community is small and the chances of getting Ebola are extremely low unless you have traveled to the affected areas (Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone) or have had direct contact with someone with Ebola.

Ebola is not an air-borne virus and can only be passed by contact with bodily fluids. Some of the symptoms are fever along with vomiting, diarrhea, severe headache and bleeding which may appear from 2 to 21 days after exposure.

If you have traveled to these affected areas and or have been in close contact with someone who recently travelled internationally and is ill, you should consult a health-care provider immediately.

Hostos has formed an infectious disease task force to respond to any potential infectious disease concerns on campus. The group consists of members from Health and Wellness, Public Safety and Environmental Health and Safety. In addition all Public Safety Officer have been trained as 1st responders.

Literature about Ebola can be found in the Health Services office (A-334-C) and Public Safety office (C-030).

More information on the Ebola virus can also be obtained from the links below:

CUNY: http://www.cuny.edu/about/administration/offices/ehsrm/healthmanagement/ebola.html

CDC: http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/index.html


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