

Despite low threat, community readies for Ebola

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have to go through a couple levels of health screenings before they can even be enrolled. First they have to submit the same health records and lists of immunizations as U.S. students, said Duane Bonifer, director of public relations at the college.

Foreign students then go through federal regulations to prove they are healthy in order to enter the country, Bonifer said. All foreign visitors have to submit to these regulations that are established in agreements between countries.

PRECAUTIONS TAKEN NATIONWIDE

Gold reminds everyone that the danger is not any higher in Columbia than it is in other such places.

"It would be incorrect to say that our risk is any greater than any other college town, or university town or any urban area," Gold said.

According to Bragg, the CDC has issued a list of recommended safety equipment for emergency personnel to prevent contact with bodily fluids.

Bragg said EMS has been preparing by making purchases to try to keep up with that list. Such equipment includes coverall Tyvek suits, N95 masks, face shields and so forth.

Gold said the hospital has also been purchasing recommended gear. Westlake has also been training staff and developing policies on how to report cases of Ebola.

"We're doing all the kinds of things probably most hospitals around here are doing in terms of being prepared," Gold said.

Protocol for situations when there may be a threatening disease can be difficult for small communities, Bragg said. For instance, it is recommended that a third person be involved in the application of protective equipment. This person is supposed to watch and ensure that there are no gaps that expose skin.

"That can be a challenge for us because we got two people on a truck, so if we run into the situation, somebody else is going to have to go out there and watch them put on their gear and take it off," Bragg said.

Bragg also said the hospital wants them to put on and take off their equipment in different areas.

"We don't have that," Bragg said. "That has yet to be in an outline for EMS personnel."

All of the equipment bought and the preparations made extend beyond use for Ebola.

"It's not only for Ebola. There are all the other diseases and stuff that spread around, too," Bragg said.

Westlake is part of a hospital preparedness group that meets monthly and keeps medical equipment in strategic locations in case of an outbreak. Some of that equipment is even kept at Westlake.

According to Gold, Westlake also participates in drills, trainings and regular reviews through the group.

Hospitals are preparing across the state, according to an article in the Kentucky Health News, but they assure residents that the risk is low. In fact, even on a larger scale, there is a lot of data that seems to indicate that the worry about Ebola in the U.S. is unnecessary. According to Kentucky

Health News, the reproduction number for the disease, "which refers to the number of individuals to whom an infected person is likely pass" the disease, "is between 1.5 and 2." That means Ebola is less likely to spread between individuals than HIV, which has a reproduction number of 4.

Although the virus spreads from contact with bodily fluids, it is only contagious when the infected person is showing symptoms.

According to Kentucky Health News, "officials, including the CDC Director Thomas Frieden, think Ebola will be contained in the U.S. because our public health system is good and Ebola isn't contagious until symptoms are present, allowing time to isolate those who have come in contact with anyone who has been infected."

All but two cases of Ebola in the U.S. were identified in other countries. The two exceptions were a couple of the nurses who treated a Liberian Ebola patient, and they recovered quickly.

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Diagnosed cases in the U.S.

SEPT. 30 – Thomas Eric Duncan, a Liberian man who travelled to Dallas, Texas, was diagnosed with the virus. He passed away on Oct. 8 at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital.

OCT. 10 – Nina Pham, a nurse who treated Duncan, was diagnosed with the virus. She recovered and was discharged from the National Institutes for Health Clinical Center in Bethesda, Md., on Oct. 24.

OCT. 15 – Amber Joy Vinson, another nurse who had treated Duncan, was also diagnosed with the virus. She was declared virus-free on Oct. 22 at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, Ga., and was moved from isolation.

OCT. 23 – Dr. Craig Allen Spencer, who returned to New York City from Guinea after working with Doctors Without Borders, was diagnosed with the virus. He was released Tuesday after being treated in isolation at Bellevue Hospital in Manhattan.

*Other cases have been diagnosed in other countries and transported back to U.S. hospitals for treatment.

Information from cdc.gov and abcnews.gov.com

ADAIR HEADS TO BANDS OF AMERICA



The Adair County High School Band put on a community encore performance this past Monday as a thank you to the community for their support and to prepare for the Bands of America Grand National Championships, which begin today.

In their encore performance, the band twice displayed its 2014 show *Invictus: Defiant Dreams*, and all members and staff were introduced.

Starting today through Saturday, the band will be in Indianapolis, Ind., competing against bands from all over the United States for the Bands of America Grand National Championship. This will be their final competition of the season.

Children's classic Stuart Little presented tonight at LWC

The children's classic *Stuart Little* will be performed tonight by the Lindsey Wilson College Theatre Program.

The performance, which is free and open to the public, will be given at 7 p.m. in V.P. Henry Auditorium, 210 Lindsey Wilson St.

The LWC production is an adaptation of the children's novel written by New Yorker writer E.B. White. It tells the adventures of a mouse, Stuart, who grows up as a member of a human family living in New York City. It's been one of the more beloved children's stories since the novel was published in 1945.

The LWC production is faithful to the White novel, according to Assistant Professor of Theatre Robert Brock, who is the play's director.

The Lindsey Wilson College Theatre Program will present *Stuart Little* at 7 p.m. tonight at V.P. Henry Auditorium

"It follows the novel pretty much exactly," Brock said. "This adaptation has been around a long time, and it is really good."

The LWC production will be presented in the form of storytelling theater; many of the actors play several roles and there is a sparse set.

"We have a box of props on stage, so the actors will pull out props and costume pieces and transform into whatever is needed as the story moves along at a very brisk pace," Brock said.

Brock said storytelling theater is one of his favorite art forms.

"It's closest to the earliest

spirit of theater," he said. "It's mainly up to the actors — you don't depend on sets and lighting to do stuff for you. It's what the actor brings to the audience that matters."

Brock said *Stuart Little* is an enduring story because of a message that continues to resonate with children.

"It's about a little character that takes off into the world to try his hand at everything, and I think that's a good thing for kids to think about — to explore, discover, get out and see what might be out there," he said.

And Brock said children make for some of the best

audience members.

"Children are the best audience there is," said Brock, who has worked in children's theater throughout his more than 30-year career. "Children don't hold back — they really respond if you bring the story to them."

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I look forward to serving the people of District 2 for the next four years.

Thank you,
Daryl Flatt

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I would like to thank the voters of Adair County for reelecting me as your Adair County Sheriff.

I appreciate everyone's dedication and help during my campaign.

I would like to give special thanks to my family.

I would also like to thank my opponent for running a clean race.

I will continue to serve the people of Adair County to the best of my abilities.

Sincerely,
Harrison Moss



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Your confidence is greatly appreciated.

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