

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER DECLARING QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION
OF KACI HICKOX**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:1A-1, et seq., and N.J.S.A. 26:4-1, et seq., the Commissioner of Health ("Commissioner") in her capacity as the head of the Department of Health ("Department") has been afforded broad powers to safeguard the public health; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:4-2a, the Department has the power to declare what diseases are communicable; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:4-2d and N.J.A.C. 8:57-1.11, the Department has the power to maintain and enforce proper and sufficient quarantine or isolation, whenever deemed necessary; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:4-2e and N.J.A.C. 8:57-1.11, the Department has the power to remove any person exposed to or infected with a communicable disease to a suitable place, if in its judgment, removal is necessary and can be accomplished without any undue risk to the person infected; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:4-2g, the Department has the power to remove to a proper place to be designated by it all articles within its jurisdiction, which, in its opinion, shall be infected with any matter likely to communicate disease and to destroy such articles, when in its opinion the safety of the public health so requires; and

WHEREAS, Ebola Virus Disease (hereafter "Ebola") is a communicable disease as defined by N.J.A.C. 8:57-1.3(a) that is immediately reportable, as defined in N.J.A.C. 8:57-1.5(a)(1); and

WHEREAS, Ebola is a contagious, often fatal disease caused by infection with a virus of the family Filoviridae, genus Ebolavirus, with an incubation period of up to 21 days; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") has instituted enhanced entry screening at Newark Liberty International Airport for travelers from the Ebola-affected nations of Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone; and

WHEREAS, where a traveler exhibits a fever or other symptoms of Ebola, or the health questionnaire reveals possible Ebola exposure, the traveler is evaluated by a CDC quarantine station public health

officer, who takes another temperature reading and makes a public health assessment; and

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2014, Kaci Hickox (the traveler) disembarked from British Airways Flight 185 at Newark Liberty International Airport; and

WHEREAS, the traveler had spent time in the Ebola-affected nation of Sierra Leone and, in the capacity of a health care worker, had provided medical care in that nation; and

WHEREAS, the traveler had certain contact with individuals symptomatic of Ebola and thus contagious as recently as October 20, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health has determined that the traveler's contact with, and treatment of, symptomatic and contagious Ebola patients means that she is at a high risk of having been exposed to Ebola; and

WHEREAS, persons who have potentially been infected with or exposed to Ebola can become ill at any time within 21 days of exposure, and thus become infectious; and

WHEREAS, within a short time after arriving at Newark Airport, the traveler experienced the onset of a fever, which is one of the symptoms of Ebola; and

WHEREAS, the traveler was transported to University Hospital in Newark for further evaluation and monitoring, and to ensure that she receives all necessary medical care; and

WHEREAS, the traveler is currently in isolation at University Hospital and her medical status remains uncertain; and

WHEREAS, until such time as the traveler's medical status is resolved, it is impossible to rule out that she has been infected with Ebola; and

WHEREAS, persons who are ill with Ebola present a danger to themselves and the public safety, health, and welfare in that they are likely to spread Ebola to unexposed or uninfected individuals in the State;

THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THIS 24th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2014,

1. The traveler shall be maintained in isolation or quarantine until it is determined that she does not present a

danger to the public health. Unless and until medical testing is able to show that she does not have Ebola, and unless and until appropriate medical professionals are able to determine that she does not present an immediate danger to the public health, she shall remain in isolation at University Hospital.

2. After such time, the traveler shall remain in quarantine in such form and at such location as I deem appropriate. The traveler subject to this order shall not go beyond the quarantine premises, and shall not put herself in contact with any person not subject to quarantine other than a physician, other health care provider, or person authorized to enter the quarantine premises by the Commissioner. Less restrictive alternatives would not be sufficient to guard against the spread of the disease.

3. To the extent possible, the premises in which the traveler is kept shall be maintained in a safe and hygienic manner, designed to minimize the likelihood of further transmission or infection or other harm to persons subject to quarantine.

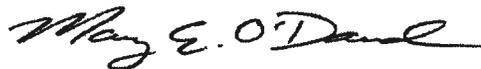
4. Adequate food, clothing, medication, means of communication, other necessities, and competent medical care shall be provided, as necessary. To the extent possible, the traveler's cultural and religious practices and customs should be considered.

5. The quarantine or isolation of any person shall be terminated by the Commissioner when the person no longer poses a threat of transmitting Ebola to others.

6. This Order shall remain in force until modified or terminated by the Commissioner, or as set forth herein.

7. Any person or persons subject to this Order may seek relief from the Commissioner from the provisions of the Order by making a written application within 10 days to Office of Legal and Regulatory Compliance, New Jersey Department of Health, P.O. Box 360, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0360 or OLRC@doh.state.nj.us. A person may obtain additional information by calling (609) 984-2177.

8. Unless stayed by order of the Commissioner, the written order for quarantine and isolation shall remain in force and effect until the proceeding commenced under paragraph 7 is finally determined and disposed of upon its merits.



Dated: October 24, 2014

Mary E. O'Dowd, M.P.H.
Commissioner
New Jersey Department of Health