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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Francisco G. Cigarroa, M.D. *Francisco G. Cigarroa*  
 SUBJECT: Travel to Ebola Effected Regions

I am sure you are fielding numerous calls and questions regarding Ebola and any related travel.

Dr. Ray Greenberg, Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs, has been asked by the Governor’s task force to coordinate with our health institutions, other educational systems, appropriate state agencies and private organizations in Texas to develop educational materials for students, practitioners, and other providers of health services. He is also chairing a working group that includes representatives from UTMB, HSC San Antonio, HSC Tyler, UT Austin, and System Administration departments to ensure prudent risk mitigation, preparedness and response programs are in place for the safety of our students, faculty, staff, patients and visitors.

Several government and health authorities have recommended against nonessential travel to West Africa, with emphasis on Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea. Based on my previous directives regarding international travel and program requirements, I am confident your institutions International Oversight Committee (IOC) have already taken the necessary steps to restrict travel to those countries.

However, given the circumstances, I believe it is important that I restate the existing requirements for all international travel and request additional requirements to ensure consistent approach to any essential travel to these countries.

1. All international travelers, faculty, staff, and students must be registered with International SOS,
2. Any travel to Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea must:
  - a. Be approved by the IOC, President, and the EVC for Health Affairs and
  - b. Any travelers to those countries will be subject to health screening, self-quarantine, and possible work related restrictions upon their return to the United States.
3. Any travel to any other country or region with a travel warning or one identified as having a significant risk must be approved by the IOC
  - a. US Department of State Travel Warnings and alerts  
<http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/alertswarnings.html>
  - b. International SOS website <http://www.internationalsos.com> (Member ID: 11BSGC000037).
  - c. UT Austin is also an excellent resource to use for restricted regions and countries that fall into these categories. <http://world.utexas.edu/io/forms/abroad/rr-list-140806.pdf>

Thank you again for your efforts and please contact Ray Greenberg, Pedro Reyes, or Phillip Dendy in the Office of Risk Management if you have questions.

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