



Statement from Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins

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After discussion with and on the recommendation of the Dr. Thomas Frieden, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and Dr. David Lakey, Commissioner, Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), Dallas County has set up an Incident Management Center and is acting as the lead agency for the Ebola Investigation and containment.

At my request, Dr. David Lakey, will embed in our Dallas County EOC. Dr. Lakey will advise our response, provide personnel and help lead efforts throughout this situation. Dr. Lakey provided invaluable service in the turnaround of Parkland Hospital and the 2012 response to West Nile Virus. He is now embedded in the Dallas County EOC.

I've asked David Daigle, Associate Director for Communications, Public Health Preparedness and Response, CDC at Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to embed a team at our EOC as well. Mr. Daigle was the CDC Lead embedded in my office during the West Nile Virus crisis and is an accomplished veteran of many successful public health responses in the United States and abroad.

Further, I've asked the City of Dallas and the Dallas Independent School District to assist in efforts and they have embedded key staff in our Dallas County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) as well as continuing the work they've already been doing. Chief Doug Bass, Dallas County Emergency Management Coordinator and Chief of Emergency Services, will act as the Incident Commander to effectuate policy decisions that will be made in close coordination with the CDC, DSHS, and Dallas County Health and Human Services.

A joint information center is being activated and all media inquiries regarding this coordinated response should be directed to Judge Clay Jenkins and Lauren Trimble at the following emails and phone numbers:

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A press conference is planned for 2:00pm today and a media advisory will be sent shortly.