Ebola Lessons Learned – 11/11/14

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Ebola Lessons Learned

- Issuing control orders
- Providing basic needs daily to the family
- Responding to more than 300 resource requests
- Development of Ebola materials in various languages
- Going door-to-door in neighborhoods where confirmed cases resided
- Monitoring of healthcare workers and airline passengers
- Dallas County municipalities and surrounding counties request for information on contacts in their areas
- Proposal to add to Dallas County legislative agenda an amendment to the Health and Safety code 81.046 to include notifying the ISDs, Chief of Police, and County Sheriff of contacts of Ebola in a county or city
- Sharing resources with local response partners
- Collaborated with Dallas County Medical Society to assist by providing scientific information on Ebola
- Transporting specimens to Austin, subsequently gaining approval to test locally (DCHHS tested 8 to date)
- Voting procedures for individuals on controlled movement
- Outreach expansion: received numerous local and national information requests from residents, employers, cities, local health departments
- Increased funding to support public health infrastructure for hospital readiness and local health department response to emerging diseases and outbreaks
- DCHHS Special Edition Newsletter on Ebola Response
  http://www.dallascounty.org/department/hhs/publicpreparednessnews.html