

# Ebola Monitoring Efforts Continue

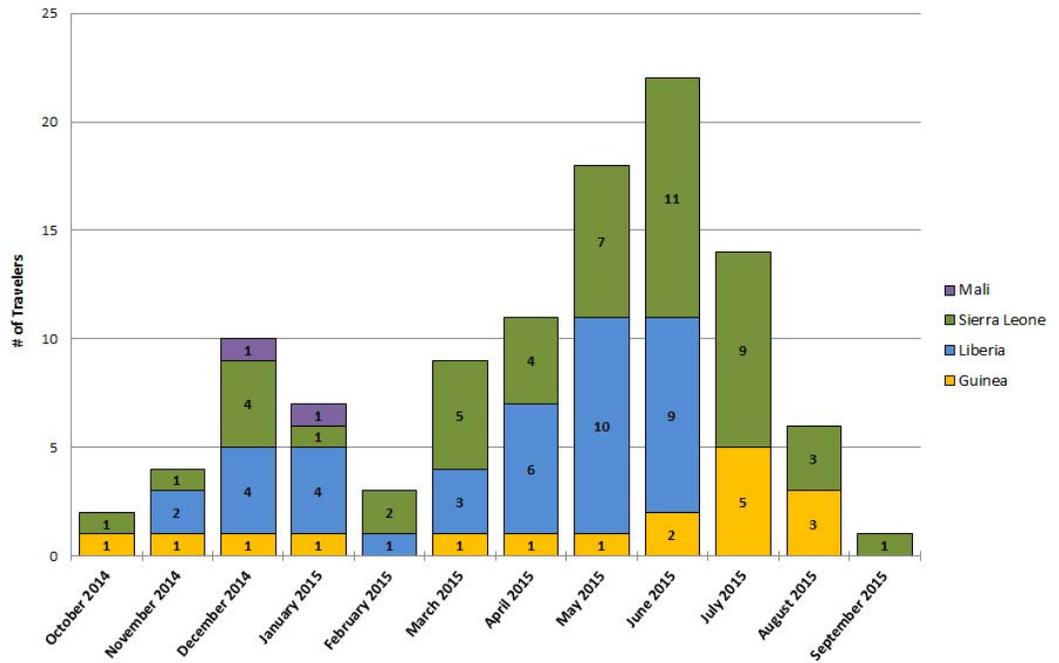
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Ebola monitoring efforts are a daily task for health departments across the United States, despite the general perception that Ebola is a diminishing public health threat. According to the World Health Organization's (WHO) Ebola Situation Report, as of September 6, 2015, a total of 28,183 (suspected, probable, and confirmed) cases of Ebola and 11,306 deaths have been reported. Vermont has been monitoring returned travelers from countries with widespread Ebola transmission since the fall of 2014. Last week marked the first time in nearly a year that the Health Department has not had a returned traveler to monitor for Ebola; however, we anticipate that it will not remain this way for very long.

**VDH Ebola Monitoring by Month**  
**Number of Travelers Whose 21-Day Monitoring Period included Any Days in the Month**  
**Total Number of Travelers = 65**



When an individual returns from a country with widespread transmission of Ebola, the Health Department interviews the traveler. A risk assessment is conducted, a monitoring level is established based on the possible level of exposure to the disease, and the monitoring period is determined based on the last day of a potential exposure. The primary transporting EMS agency for the individual, the nearest hospital, and Vermont E-911 Dispatch are all notified of the traveler's information, monitoring period, and level of risk.

Vermont has monitored 65 travelers that returned from West Africa. Additionally, 17 persons that started monitoring in other states have traveled through Vermont with monitoring continuing by their state of origin. For more information, please refer to either the CDC website at: <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/>, call Infectious Disease Epidemiology at the VT Department of Health at (802) 863-7240, or call the EMS Office at the VT Department of Health at (802) 863-7310.

