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Dear Members of the Harvard Community,

As of today, Harvard-sponsored travel to Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone no longer requires approval from the Provost, and Harvard University Health Services (HUHS) no longer requires screenings for individuals traveling from those three countries to Harvard’s campus.

We make this change in light of the fact that the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared Liberia and Sierra Leone Ebola-free, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has downgraded its advisories for Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Guinea. In addition, Harvard Global Support Services (GSS) has confirmed the ability to perform evacuations in all three countries via the Harvard Travel Assist program. Given the degraded health care systems and the potential reoccurrence of Ebola, anyone considering travel to these countries should contact GSS for guidance prior to departure. Travel to these regions, Harvard sponsored or personal, must be registered in the Harvard Travel Registry.

We would like to thank those across the University for your support, patience, and understanding during this unprecedented outbreak. It is due to the expertise and hard work of many of you that Harvard was able to safeguard our affiliates while also assisting those in need. We are especially grateful to those who continue to support efforts to rebuild the ailing health care infrastructure and prevent future outbreaks. As always, we will continue to monitor the situation and update guidance as appropriate. Should you have questions, please contact HUHS or GSS.

Sincerely,

Alan M. Garber
Provost

Paul Barreira
Director of Harvard University Health Services