Riverside County health officials establish Ebola website

Hoping to ease anxiety and provide a reliable source for information about Ebola, Riverside County health officials have created a website that focuses on the potentially fatal virus.

The website, [http://www.rivcoph.org/Ebola.aspx](http://www.rivcoph.org/Ebola.aspx), will house information from the Riverside County Department of Public Health, California Department of Public Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other reliable sources to give public and health providers the latest updates on Ebola and what is being done to prevent the spread of the virus.

“With all the news and images coming from Texas and West Africa, it is understandable there would be anxiety about Ebola, so it is important Riverside County residents have a place where they can see reliable information,” said Dr. Cameron Kaiser, Riverside County public health officer. “Education is one of the keys to preventing the spread of this and other illnesses. And that education takes place when the public has access to reliable, science-based information.”

Health officials have been communicating for weeks with various agencies and organizations as they prepare for the unlikely event that an Ebola case is reported in Riverside County.

“We are taking the steps necessary to be prepared,” said Susan Harrington, director of the county health department. “We have plans in place and are constantly evaluating those plans, making any changes that are needed to protect Riverside County residents.”