

Dear PSPS Students,

There has been a lot of talk about the Ebola virus lately. However, many people are not quite sure how it spreads.

The news and images out of West Africa, the center of an outbreak of deadly Ebola virus disease, are a bit scary. In the three countries affected by the outbreak—Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Guinea—more than 1,300 people have been sickened by the disease and more than 700 have died. Spread of the infection occurs by direct contact with body fluids. There is no known cure, and half or more of those who develop Ebola virus disease die from it.

We live in an interconnected world in which air travel can spread contagious infection thousands of miles away in a few hours. There is a “level 3” travel advisory for the involved countries, which warns against nonessential travel to them. As the PSPS is an international school, we need to take a cautionary measure to avoid the worst situation in advance.

Here are some policies that will help prevent it:

- During this period till disease-control method is prepared, PSPS students are basically prohibited from travelling abroad.
- If travel abroad is necessary, please inform the PSPS office of your plan in advance and get the direction regarding it.
- Please be advised that when you leave Korea to travel to any other country, if the situation is getting worse, you may not be allowed to come back to Korea.

Experts from the World Health Organization and Centers for Disease Control continue to reassure us that its spread can be contained with appropriate care. This is true. But such an appropriate care is not always easily attainable. We hope that this situation is getting better and we can find some solution soon.

Thank you for your cooperation in advance.



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