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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Dr. F. King Alexander, Louisiana State University System  
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From: W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.   
Chairman, Louisiana Board of Regents

Re: Information and Guidance Regarding the Ebola Virus

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The State of Louisiana, including the higher education community, has been actively monitoring federal and regional alerts related to the Ebola virus. Specifically, the Board of Regents has been asked by the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and the Department of Health and Hospitals to share with the postsecondary educational institutions in the state, general information and guidance on the risks associated with employees and students at those institutions traveling to regions affected by the Ebola virus.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends avoiding all non-essential travel to West Africa at this time. Further, the Board of Regents is requesting that you direct the appropriate campus officials to comply with federal and state directives and guidelines. Please send any policies or guidelines your institutions have adopted on this issue to the Board of Regents.

Attached are several documents which will provide specific guidance. Additional information and resources may be found on the CDC website (<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/page/advice-for-colleges-universities-and-students-about-ebola-in-west-africa>), and the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals website (<http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/1974>).

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Attachments