



SAFETY AND SECURITY

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At Me to We, we are committed to ensuring that all of our travelers are informed of any occurrences that take place which may concern their travel plans. The safety of our travelers is our number one priority at all times. As the fear of Ebola continues to be present in the media, we wanted to share some information with you.

If you have any concerns regarding your travel, we are available to speak with you about your specific questions. Please contact our Risk Management team at: 416-964-8942 ext. 770

- **Fact 1: What are the Risks of Ebola to Me to We Programming?**
 - The West African countries affected by the outbreak are located over 5000 km away from our programming in Kenya. To put this in perspective, the West African countries are farther away from Kenya as Vancouver is from Halifax or New York is from San Francisco.
 - There are no confirmed cases of Ebola in Kenya or in any of its immediate bordering countries.
- **Fact 2: What is the risk for travel?**
 - According to medical authorities, including the World Health Organization, travellers are at extremely low risk for Ebola transmission. Transmission requires direct contact with blood or other body fluids of infected and symptomatic individuals, all very unlikely exposures for the average traveler.
 - The World Health Organization has stated that air travel is an extremely low risk for the spread of the disease. Therefore, they do not consider transit hubs to be at risk for transmission.
- **Fact 3: Are airports and planes safe?**
 - Kenya has banned travel to and from Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone, and has suspended entry of all passengers travelling from and through these countries since August 19th, 2014.
 - All major airports in Kenya have been equipped with Ebola screening devices for testing passengers arriving from all African countries.



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A few additional notes on the safety of our programs:

- **We continue to travel to our destinations:**
 - Based on extensive evidence supporting the safety of travel to Me to We's programming destinations, we will continue to travel to Kenya.
- **What are recommendations for travelers?**
 - As Me to We travel destinations do not have any confirmed cases of Ebola present, our programming at this time is considered to entail extremely low risk of contracting Ebola.
 - We continue to have strong protocols in place for our traveler's health & safety. We encourage and remind travelers to practice careful hygiene, and wash their hands often. Hand washing stations, including warm water, soap, and hand sanitizer, are readily available to participants throughout the trip.
 - Travelers are recommended to avoid contact with body fluids of another individual (other participants or community members) which has always been and remains a Me to We recommendation.
- **How is Me to We Monitoring the situation?**
 - Me to We continuously monitors the government travel advisories for Canada, USA, UK and Australia. We also monitor the advice of the World Health Organization as well as the Center for Disease Control. In addition, we work with local organizations and government officials in the regions we work, as well as our full-time staff in each destination.
 - As mentioned above, we are committed to keeping you and your family informed of any occurrences which may concern your travel plans. We will be in touch over the coming months with regular updates and details regarding your trip from your trip coordinator.

We know that families may still have questions and we are readily available to discuss those with you at your convenience. Please do not hesitate to speak with our Risk Management team at (416) 964-8942 ext. 770.

Resources: Centre for Disease Control, World Health Organization, Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development