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Sen. Schwertner's statement on Ebola virus in Texas

AUSTIN, TX – The following statement was made by State Senator Charles Schwertner (R-Georgetown), in response to a confirmed case of the Ebola virus in a Dallas-area hospital:

"This afternoon, state health officials confirmed that an unnamed patient in a Dallas hospital has tested positive for the Ebola virus. State and federal officials are actively responding to this isolated infection, and I have every confidence that the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) are capable of containing and treating the affected individual. There are no other suspected cases reported at this time.

"The most important thing is for the people of Texas to remain calm. It's important to realize that the Ebola virus is NOT an airborne contagion and can only be spread through direct physical contact with an infected individual.

"I have already spoken with state health officials regarding this matter and I have been assured that the public will continue to receive regular updates from the CDC and DSHS as the situation develops further. As always, the health and safety of the people of Texas is my primary concern."

Senator Schwertner serves as the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Health & Human Services.

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