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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Public Statement from DCHHS Director Zachary Thompson  
on First U.S. Diagnosed Ebola Case**

**DALLAS (Sept. 30, 2014)** – “Dallas County Health and Human Services received confirmation today from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Department of States Health Services (DSHS) of a positive Ebola case in Dallas County, the first case ever diagnosed in the United States. Our thoughts and prayers are with the patient and the family.

We appreciate CDC and DSHS working to get the test results back. We also thank Texas Health Presbyterian for their efforts in protecting other patients by getting the patient isolated.

I want to commend Dr. Christopher Perkins, Dallas County Health and Human Services Medical Director/Health Authority and our Epidemiology staff for the work they’ve been doing conducting the public health follow-up on the patient, which includes a contact investigation to gather information based on the patient’s travel history, activities and close contacts. Dallas County Health and Human Services will proceed with the public health follow-up, per CDC guidelines.

Dallas County residents should be aware that the public health is our number one priority at Dallas County Health and Human Services. Our staff will continue to work hard to protect the health and welfare of the citizens in Dallas County.”

-Zachary Thompson, Director

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