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Dr. Thomas R. Frieden  
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Dear Dr. Frieden:

I am writing about the protocols the CDC used for the latest American infected with Ebola, Craig Spencer, between his return to the US and his current quarantine. I am concerned with the questionable behavior of the individual infected in the lead up to his reporting a fever, as well as the lack of CDC oversight that allowed this to happen.

It has been reported that Dr. Spencer visited numerous places in New York upon his return from West Africa. Are there rules in place for people that have been in direct contact with Ebola patients in West Africa that would restrict their movements upon their return? It would appear to be common sense for a person just returning from West Africa to, at the very least, significantly minimize their exposure on the populace during the initial 21 days after their return. As you may know, there are several organizations that have evacuated personnel from West Africa and placed them under three weeks of supervised isolation. This would appear to be a constructive model and should be urgently considered by the CDC. If private organizations have successfully put the well-being of the general populace first with such basic precautions, the CDC should be able to as well.

It has also been reported that Dr. Spencer had been drinking alcohol shortly before he had a fever. Does the CDC enforce any rules that would prevent a possible incubator of Ebola drinking alcohol in public, which could lead to the individual making poor decisions that could further the spread of the virus?

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please feel free to contact me, or my Legislative Director, Scott Cunningham, at 202.225.6605 or [scott.cunningham@mail.house.gov](mailto:scott.cunningham@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,

  
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