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Deal: Team to combat risks of Ebola should the need arise

Advisory group comprised of leaders in health and research communities, state agencies

Gov. Nathan Deal today named the members of the Georgia Ebola Response Team, which was created by [executive order](#) to assess current state health and emergency management procedures and produce necessary recommendations to minimize any potential impact of the disease in Georgia.

"Those that have been chosen to serve on the panel are leaders in their respective fields, and I'm confident that their combined talents and experience will allow them to effectively examine state preparedness and provide all necessary recommendations," said Deal. "By opening up lines of communication between the private and public sector, Georgia is uniquely positioned to combat the risks of Ebola should the need arise and protect the health of the people of our state. An informed public and a prepared group of first responders and health care professionals can save lives. Let me reiterate: As a state, we are taking every precaution to make certain Georgia stands prepared."

The Ebola response team will be chaired by Brenda Fitzgerald, commissioner of the Georgia Department of Public Health. A full list of team members below:

Name	Position	Organization
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Brenda Fitzgerald, MD	Commissioner	Georgia Department of Public Health
William Bornstein, MD, PhD	Chief Quality and Medical Officer	Emory Healthcare
Susan Grant, MS, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN	Chief Nurse Executive;	Emory Healthcare; Nell Hodgson
	Associate Dean	Woodruff School of Nursing
Frederick Quinn, MS, PhD	Professor of Infectious Diseases	University of Georgia
Charley English	Director	Georgia Emergency Management Agency
Major General Jim Butterworth	Adjutant General	Georgia National Guard
Miguel Southwell	General Manager	Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport
Michael Geisler	Chief Operating Officer	City of Atlanta
Scott Kroell	CEO/Administrator	Liberty Regional Medical Center
Courtney Terwilliger	Chairman	Georgia Association of Emergency Medical Services
Brenda Rowe, M.N., RN, JD	Associate Professor	Georgia Baptist College of Nursing, Mercer University
Jody Barrow	Superintendent; President	Fayette County Schools; Georgia School Superintendent Association
Doug Patten, MD	Chief Medical Officer	Georgia Hospital Association

The team will meet this week and immediately begin issuing recommendations to the governor.

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