



What others are saying

Nicole Lurie, M.D., Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

“The medical center has experience in caring successfully for patients with highly infectious diseases, such as Ebola. Now we are calling on it to share that experience by training federal health care personnel to care for such patients effectively and to expand our country’s quarantine capability, which will help us fill national needs and broaden our ability to respond quickly in times of public health and medical crisis.”

U.S. Sen. Deb Fischer

“I know I join all Nebraskans when I say how proud we are of UNMC’s tremendous work as a leader in treatment for infectious diseases. This award from HHS will allow the medical center to expand on their world-class research, training, and treatment of Ebola and other diseases. Congratulations to Chancellor Gold and the incredible UNMC team on this remarkable accomplishment.”

U.S. Rep. Brad Ashford

“UNMC is a worldwide leader in the fight against Ebola and other highly infectious diseases and this funding will strengthen their ability to share their knowledge with the broader health care community. This federal investment in UNMC is the result of strong collaboration between UNMC, the entire Omaha community, the state of Nebraska and our federal delegation.”

U.S. Rep. Jeff Fortenberry

“These funds position UNMC as a leader in this essential part of America's national health security.”

Gov. Pete Ricketts

“The state’s partnership with UNMC and Nebraska Medicine is a model for the nation in emergency preparedness. The iEXCEL facility that will house the national training, simulation and quarantine center will be a national asset.”

Nebraska Sen. Robert Hilkemann

“We congratulate Dr. Gold, the medical center and its state and county partners on attaining this fantastic opportunity to continue the exceptional work started more than 10 years ago. We couldn’t be more proud of the team’s accomplishments. We look forward to the knowledge this state-of-the-art center will bring -- not just in our country but around the world.”

Courtney Phillips, CEO, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

“We congratulate UNMC and Nebraska Medicine on the award of the grant. It’s a testament to the commitment of our ongoing partnership. We look forward to the great things this project will do to protect human health.”

Adi Pour, M.D., Director, Douglas County Health Department

“The Douglas County Health Department congratulates the medical center on receiving this grant. This is a valuable, trusting partnership and one of the greatest assets that has helped make the Nebraska Biocontainment Unit a gold standard in training and treatment of highly infectious diseases. We look forward to working together in the years to come.”

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Robert Hinson, Lt. Gen. (retired), Executive Director, National Strategic Research Initiative

“The medical center exemplifies the hard work and expertise it takes as a national asset in providing training for both civilian and military officials. NSRI and the medical center maintain a big picture perspective of the threats facing the nation and repeatedly have demonstrated willingness to engage and help the national readiness and preparedness against highly infectious diseases.”

Philip Smith, M.D., UNMC Emeritus Professor and Founder and former Medical Director of the Nebraska Biocontainment Unit

“We have been leaders in biopreparedness for years, having built the nation’s largest biocontainment unit and drilled for 10 years. As a result we were able to answer the call flawlessly when we were needed in 2014 to provide care for Ebola patients. This grant recognizes our leadership and will help us share our skills with the entire U.S.”

Shelly Schwedhelm, Executive Director, Emergency Preparedness & Infection Prevention, Nebraska Medicine

“Our teams’ knowledge and experience are unique resources that will continue to advance the readiness of the country. We are honored to lead this endeavor.”

Lloyd Rupp, Battalion Chief, Emergency Medical Services Division, Omaha Fire and Rescue

“Receiving this grant is well-deserved and recognizes the expertise and hard work of the medical center, the state and county. It has an all-encompassing view of the team and it is reflected in their training and protocols.”