Active Monitoring or Direct Active Monitoring

Individuals traveling from a West African country that is experiencing Ebola outbreak are being screened upon arrival by US Customs and Border Protection and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) upon entering the United States. Screening criteria is located on the CDC website:

http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/exposure/monitoring-and-movement-of-persons-with-exposure.html

If travelers are identified as needing post –arrival monitoring based on CDC criteria, these individuals, as a designated Person Under Investigation (PUI), will be referred to a state or local health authority at their end destination or home of record for 21-day follow up monitoring.

Information for travelers: http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/travelers/index.html

Upon Arriving in Nevada

Local health authorities in Nevada (Southern Nevada Health District, Washoe County Health District and Carson City Health and Human Services) have identified staff to evaluate individuals who have been potentially exposed in order to assess their level of risk, including direct active monitoring, if necessary. For rural Nevada areas that do not fall under a local health authority, a staff member from the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH), Community Health Services will monitor such potentially exposed individuals. This monitoring will follow CDC guidance and will be reported to CDC as required weekly and once the 21-day reporting period has ended for the individual.

CDC Monitoring Guidance- http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/exposure/monitoring-and-movement-of-persons-with-exposure.html

Nevada Administrative Code (NAC 441A.850) allows for a 72-hour mandatory isolation for communicable disease cases that could pose a threat to the community members, especially if the individual is classified as "high-risk" or "some risk," and for a 72-hour mandatory quarantine for those who could have been exposed to a case of infectious disease and may have high risk for contracting that disease or exposing others.