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INTERIM HOSPITAL AND EMERGENCY TREATMENT CENTER PRACTICES FOR TRANSPORT OF EBOLA PATIENTS

Adapted From CDC Guidance for EMS and PSAP for EVD in the US

There are individuals who may be identified as Ebola contact cases being monitored by a Health Department / Authority. The following protocols are recommended in the event that a contact case presents to a hospital or emergency treatment facility, or if a patient that is not a known contact presents. The practices below have been coordinated with information provided to EMS, dispatch agencies, and emergency medical directors.

Screening with patient presenting with possible Ebola symptoms:

SCREENING QUESTIONS

Does the patient have a fever, severe headache, muscle pain, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, or unexplained bleeding?

AND

In the past **21** days has the patient:

1. Been in contact with blood or body fluids of a patient known to have or suspected to have Ebola?
2. Been in residence or travel to a West African country where Ebola outbreak is occurring?
3. Had direct handling of bats or nonhuman primates from a disease-endemic area?

Countries include:

- Guinea
- Liberia
- Sierra Leone

- **If the patient meets the FEVER REQUIREMENT AND ANY ONE OF THE TWO QUESTIONS, then the patient should be considered as a "Person Under Investigation for Ebola".**
 - ISOLATE THE PATIENT,
 - Take CDC Recommended PPE Precautions and
 - Contact your local health department at _____
(Insert Health Department Phone Number)
- If patient does not meet screening questions criteria, follow normal triage and treatment protocols

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