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EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE (EVD) UPDATE #4

Please distribute to Healthcare Providers, Infection Control Department, Emergency Department, Infectious Disease Department, Director of Nursing, Medical Director, Directors of Pharmacy, Laboratory Service, and all patient care areas.

UPDATE

- The Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH) is informing health care providers and facilities that travel to the West Africa country of Mali has been added as a risk factor for EVD by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).¹
- Healthcare providers should consider both a patient's symptoms and epidemiologic risk, including a history of travel to a country with widespread EVD (**Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone**) or **Mali** within the previous 21 days, when EVD is suspected.
- The updated case definition for a Person Under Investigation (PUI) for Ebola is as follows:
 1. Elevated body temperature or subjective fever or symptoms, including severe headache, fatigue, muscle pain, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, or unexplained hemorrhage;
AND
 2. An epidemiologic risk² factor within the 21 days before the onset of symptoms which includes a travel history to a country with widespread Ebola virus transmission³ (**currently Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone**) or **Mali** or contact within the preceding 21 days with a person with Ebola while the person was symptomatic.
- Prominently post signage asking patients to provide a travel history. Rapid recognition and isolation of possible EVD cases is critical to protecting health and safety.

- **Immediately report all PUI of EVD to the ECDOH Epidemiology and Surveillance Office at (716) 858-7697 during normal business hours and (716) 961-7898 after hours, weekends, and holidays.**

¹<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/outbreaks/2014-west-africa/index.html>

²<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/exposure/risk-factors-when-evaluating-person-for-exposure.html>

³<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/outbreaks/2014-west-africa/distribution-map.html>

REPORTING AND CONTACT PHONE NUMBER

All PUI for EVD should be reported immediately by telephone to the Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH) Epidemiology and Surveillance Office at (716) 858-7697 during normal business hours and (716) 961-7898 after hours, weekends and holidays.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The CDC's and New York State Department of Health's Ebola Websites contain the most up-to-date information about the outbreak and have specific materials for healthcare workers, airline personnel, travelers, and the general public.

<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/>

http://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/ebola/?utm_source=doh&utm_medium=hp-button&utm_campaign=ebola

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Health Advisory: provides important information for a specific incident or situation; may not require immediate action

Health Update: provides updated information regarding an incident or situation; no immediate action necessary

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