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

**There are 48 individuals identified as Ebola contact cases being monitored by Dallas County Health and Human Services.** 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.

**Texas Health Presbyterian Dallas has agreed to accept patients ages 14 and older. Children's Medical Center Dallas has agreed to take pediatric patients ages 0 – 14.**

### **KNOWN CONTACT presents with possible symptoms:**

[For the group of 48 that are currently under observation: These individuals have been instructed to contact Dallas County Health Department if they begin to show any signs or symptoms of Ebola]

- **Individual reporting / presenting fever or symptoms:** Immediately contact Dallas County Health and Human Services at: **(214) 677-7899. Follow the DCHHS Epidemiologist** recommendations to determine necessity for further treatment or transport.

### **UNKNOWN CALLER presents with possible Ebola symptoms:**

- **Administer screening questions found below.**
- **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.** Immediately contact Dallas County Health and Human Services at: **(214) 677-7899. Follow the DCHHS Epidemiologist** recommendations to determine necessity for further treatment or transport.
- If patient does not meet screening questions criteria, follow normal triage and treatment protocols

**\*\*The DCHHS Epidemiologist will arrange transport of the patient if needed.\*\***

## SCREENING QUESTIONS

Does the patient have a fever >38.6 C or 101.5 F **AND**

1. In the past 21 days has the patient been in contact with blood or body fluids of a patient known to have or suspected to have Ebola?
2. In the past 21 days been in residence or travel to a West African country where Ebola outbreak is occurring or direct handling of bats or nonhuman primates from a disease-endemic area? Countries include:
  - a. Guinea
  - b. Liberia
  - c. Nigeria
  - d. Sierra Leone



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