

MORNING CMO REPORT

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Ebola Preparedness

Applies to All Physicians

Ebola
Informational

As all of you are aware of the current West African Ebola outbreak, CDC and other agencies are providing interim guidance for handling a patient with suspected Ebola Virus Disease (EVD). We are currently developing a comprehensive UH interim guidance which will be available by next week. CDC has provided a definition of suspect cases which includes fever and travel to West Africa (<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/case-definition.html>)

For now, if you have an EVD suspect patient, please place the patient in a negative pressure room, wear an N95 mask, goggles, gloves, full-body water-impermeable suit, and notify a hospital epidemiologist immediately (W. Javaid 467-4529 / 447-3222 for Downtown Campus, or M. Brodey 382-3740 for Community Campus). They will provide further guidance regarding next steps.

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