Ebola Preparedness

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.