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Dear Colleague:

CDC is working to slow the spread of Ebola in affected countries (as of today these include Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria, and Sierra Leone) and prevent introduction of Ebola into the United States. We are working closely with EMS and other vital partners at U.S. international ports of entry to enhance awareness for detection of travelers with possible Ebola symptoms. This is an evolving situation and information may change quickly.

CDC requests your assistance in sharing with EMS units at international ports of entry the CDC update, *Response to Ebola: CDC Request for Assistance to EMS at U.S. Ports of Entry*. We request EMS support to

- Look for travelers arriving from Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria, and Sierra Leone, who are sick with symptoms of Ebola: fever, severe headache, muscle pain, vomiting, diarrhea, stomach pain, or unexplained bleeding or bruising.
- Contact 24/7 your CDC Quarantine Station of jurisdiction. Station staff will evaluate with EMS the travelers' symptoms and possible exposures to Ebola.
- If CDC staff are not present at the port of entry, EMS assistance with this evaluation may be requested.

CDC also requests assistance in providing information to ill travelers. CDC has created health information cards for ill travelers depending on the Quarantine Station staff's assessment of the traveler's symptoms and potential exposure risk.

- When EMS calls the CDC Quarantine Station, CDC will advise EMS staff whether to give an information card to the sick traveler, and provide the correct card.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the CDC Quarantine Station in your jurisdiction at www.cdc.gov/quarantine/QuarantineStationContactListFull.html

Thank you for your outstanding support and service,

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Response to Ebola

CDC Request for Assistance to EMS at U.S. Ports of Entry

Symptoms of Ebola

Fever (101.5°F or 38.6°C or higher), severe headache, muscle pain, vomiting, diarrhea, stomach pain, or unexplained bleeding or bruising

How you can help

- **Be especially vigilant for sick travelers with possible Ebola symptoms who arrive from affected countries in West Africa:** Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria, and Sierra Leone.
- **Isolate suspected Ebola patients and protect yourself**
 - See link to EMS guidance below.
 - Follow additional agency protocols as applicable.

Contact your CDC Quarantine Station

Contact information for your quarantine station is provided on your CDC EMS card and sticker. You can also find your CDC Quarantine Station of jurisdiction at:

www.cdc.gov/quarantine/QuarantineStationContactListFull.html

- Call 24/7 your CDC Quarantine Station of jurisdiction to report any sick travelers from an Ebola-affected country.
- CDC will make an assessment and instruct whether to give them a health information card (provided by the Quarantine Station supporting your port).

For updated Ebola information

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- CDC Interim [Guidance for Emergency Medical Services](#) (EMS) Systems and 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) for Management of Patients with Known or Suspected Ebola Virus Disease in the United States
- CDC Ebola updates: www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/
- CDC Travelers' Health updates: www.cdc.gov/travel