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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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