

# Hospital and Emergency Triage Assessment for Ebola

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## Ask Patient in Triage Area

In the last 21 days:

Have you been in the countries of Guinea, Liberia, or Sierra Leone?

OR meet any of the criteria in the Risk Assessment below?

NO to BOTH

YES to EITHER

Continue with normal triage and assessment

## RISK ASSESSMENT

1. Direct contact with blood, vomit, feces, urine, saliva, sweat, breast milk or semen of a person with or suspected to have Ebola
2. Household member or others who had brief direct contact of a person with or suspected to have Ebola
3. Attended funeral or had direct contact with a dead body in Guinea, Liberia, or Sierra Leone
4. Health care worker in the patient care area or processing laboratory samples for an Ebola patient in the United States or elsewhere
5. On any public health monitoring list for Ebola or asked to self-monitor for fever or symptoms of Ebola

## Patient Assessment

1. Fever  $\geq 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$  or  $38.0^{\circ}\text{C}$  now?
2. Is patient taking acetaminophen, ibuprofen or other antipyretics?
3. History of fever  $\geq 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$  or  $38.0^{\circ}\text{C}$  or a subjective fever in the last 24 hours?
4. Severe headache, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, muscle pain, or bleeding?

NO to ALL

1. Unlikely Ebola
2. Continue routine assessment
3. Provide Ebola information and who to call if fever or symptoms develop
4. Provide patient name and contact to Local Health Department

YES to ANY

## ISOLATE PATIENT IN SEPARATE ROOM (WITH BATHROOM or COVERED COMMODE)

1. Medical providers to wear double gloves, impermeable gowns, face mask and face shield. Consider placing surgical mask on the patient
2. In the presence of significant body fluids (diarrhea, vomiting, bleeding) OR Aerosol generating procedures (e.g., intubation) Add respiratory protection (N95 or greater), shoe covers, and PPE to cover all exposed skin
3. Notify Hospital Infection Control and start written log of exposed personnel
4. Further evaluation and management with dedicated equipment.

## Immediately Call

El Paso Department of Public Health  
at  
(915) 212-6520  
(available 24/7)