



EMERGENCY MEDICAL
SERVICES AGENCY
LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) Patient Assessment Criteria for EMS Personnel

EMS patient assessment criteria for transport precautions and hospital notification are:

1. Fever, headache, joint and muscle aches, weakness, fatigue, diarrhea, vomiting, stomach pain and lack of appetite, and in some cases, bleeding.

AND

2. Travel to West Africa* within **21 days (3 weeks)** of symptom onset.

If **both** criteria are met, including the time component of criteria 2, the patient should be transported to the most accessible receiving (MAR) facility or appropriate specialty center after consultation with the assigned base hospital. Recommended infection control precautions and PPE** must be followed during assessment, transport and treatment.

IMMEDIATELY notify the receiving facility and assigned base hospital of suspected Ebola case(s)

If patient is not transported (refusal, pronouncement, etc.), inform local Public Health authorities:

1. Los Angeles County Public Health Department: (213) 240-7941 (M-F 8AM-5PM); (213) 974-1234 (after hours – ask for Public Health AOD)
2. Long Beach Health Department: (562) 570-4302 (M-F 7:30AM-5PM); (562) 435-6711 (after hours – request the Communicable Disease Officer on Duty)
3. Pasadena Public Health Department: (626) 744-6043 – select option #1 and leave contact information.

*Affected West African countries as of October 7, 2015: Guinea and Sierra Leone. Refer to CDC website for updated list of affected countries: <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/outbreaks/2014-west-africa/index.html>

**PPE: N95 mask in combination with surgical hood and full face shield, fluid-resistant gown or coveralls without a hood that extends to mid-calf, double gloves, fluid-resistant boot covers that extend to mid-calf, fluid-resistant apron if vomiting or diarrhea. Visit CDC's PPE guidelines for more information at <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/procedures-for-ppe.html>