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**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 November 16, 2014: Guinea, Liberia, Mali and Sierra Leone. Refer to CDC website for updated list of affected countries: http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/outbreaks/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