



Clarke County Fire and Rescue

Standard Operating Guideline

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Purpose

The following will provide guidance and direction for Responders and the Dispatch center in the event a call is received, or contact is made with a potential Ebola patient.

Scope

The treatment of patients with a potential to have become infected with the Ebola Virus is complex and can change as new information becomes available. This document will be updated when new information or procedures become available.

Procedure

1. Dispatch Patient assessment begins with dispatch information. If the patient has any of the following symptoms:

- Fever (100.4) or greater
- Severe Headache
- Muscle Pain
- Weakness
- Stomach Ache
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Unexplained Hemorrhage and/or Bruising

AND

Any of the following Risk Factors:

- Travel to or from, within the last 21 Days, West Africa
- Contact with blood or OPIM from another person or nonhuman primate known or suspected of being infected with the Ebola Virus.
- Contact with a corpse or carcass known or suspected of being infected with the Ebola Virus.

THIS IS A POSSIBLE EBOLA PATIENT

POSSIBLE EBOLA PATIENTS

IMMEDIATELY HAVE THE PATIENT ISOLATE FROM OTHERS IF POSSIBLE OR ISOLATE PATIENT AND PERSONS HAVING CONTACT WITH PATIENT SEPERATLY UPON ARRIVAL AFTER DONNING APPROAIATE PPE WITH RESPIRATORY PROTECTION

1. Advise dispatch and all responding units if possible Ebola patient
 - Upon notification of possible EBOLA patient, a hazardous materials release response shall be dispatched
2. Make the following notifications:
 - Lord Fairfax Health Department 540-722-3470 (main) 540-665-8611 (after hours)
 - Receiving Medical Facility
 - Clarke County Director of Fire & EMS
 - Clarke County Sheriff or Designee
 - Clarke County DICO
3. Follow standard contact and airborne droplet precautions
4. Consider waiting for arrival and donning of Level B Hazmat suits prior to patient contact
5. Request Guidance from Medical Control as to patient/patients transport destination
6. Limit number of Providers having patient contact
7. Limit any invasive procedures if possible

After Patient Transport/Contact is completed be prepared for the following

- To be triaged in the transport unit by receiving facility staff in PPE
- Expect to be OOS at the receiving facility for an extended period of time
- You will likely have to surrender your clothes and issued scrubs
- You may become a patient as well
- Clearance to leave is at the discretion of the Virginia Department of Health

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