



# Yolo County Department of Health Services



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**TO:** All Prehospital Personnel and Providers  
Base Hospital Personnel  
Emergency Department Physicians and Nurse Liaisons

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**SUBJECT:** Prehospital Ebola Response Guidance

## MEMORANDUM

The purpose of this memorandum is to supplement EMS Policy Memorandum Ebola dated October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014 providing additional guidance for prehospital care personnel in identifying, treating, transporting, and reporting a suspected Ebola patient presentation. It is the responsibility of all transport and non-transport providers to ensure that their personnel receive this information.

### **EMS patient assessment criteria for isolation/hospital notification:**

1. Fever of greater than 38.6 degrees Celsius or 101.5 degrees Fahrenheit, and additional symptoms such as severe headache, muscle pain, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, or unexplained hemorrhage; and
2. Travel to West Africa (Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone or other countries where EVD transmission has been reported by WHO) within 21 days (3 weeks) of symptom onset; or  
Contact with a known high risk EVD suspect or EVD patient.

### **If both criteria are met:**

- Use standard patient isolation procedures including contact and droplet precautions followed further assessment, treatment, and transport.
- Transport patient to hospital of their choice in accordance with EMS Policy Patient Destination.
- Notify the receiving hospital in advance as soon as possible to prepare to receive a possible/suspected Ebola patient.

**If patient is not transported:**

- Notify Yolo County Public Health Services by telephone prior to returning to service: Business Hours: (530)321-3620 or After Hours (530) 321-3620.

**When in question make base hospital contact and/or contact EMS Duty Officer at (530) 321-3620**

