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Dear Mr. Acker,

Please forward this to all 911 Call Centers and EMS that operate in Jefferson County with these guidelines.

Screen all 911/EMS calls with the following questions:

1. Does the patient have FEVER or additional symptoms of possible Ebola Virus Disease (EVD), such as diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal pain or unexplained bleeding? If so, proceed to ask about travel history as follows:
2. Has the patient been in a country* where Ebola Virus transmission is actively occurring, specifically Guinea, Liberia, or Sierra Leone, within 21 days of symptom onset?

(*Periodically check the World Health Organization's (WHO) current list of countries where active EVD transmission is occurring.)

If the answer to both questions 1 and 2 above is "Yes", then do the following:

- A) Notify the emergency transportation staff that this is a possible Ebola case.
- B) The patient should be isolated, and STANDARD, CONTACT and DROPLET precautions should be strictly followed during assessment, treatment and transport of the patient.
- B) IMMEDIATELY notify the receiving health care facility of the possible Ebola case.
- C) Notify the Jefferson County Department of Health (JCDH) of the possible Ebola case (but without delaying patient assessment, transport and treatment) as follows:
 - During normal business hours (Monday through Friday 7:45am – 4:30pm) contact the (JCDH) Disease Control Division: (205) 930-1440
 - After hours (weekdays after 4:30pm until 7:45am and weekends) call the JCDH on-call number: (205) 933-9110

If patient is NOT transported (refusal, pronouncement, etc.):

- A) Notify Alabama Department of Public Health, Epidemiology Division: 1-800-338-8374 to report an Immediate, Extremely Urgent 4-hour Notifiable Disease.
- B) Complete the Ebola Consultation Record found at <http://www.ADPH.org/Ebola/Default.asp?id=6785> and fax to (334) 206-3734 or email to CDFax@ADPH.state.AL.US
- C) Compile a list of healthcare workers that came in contact with the patient, along with their personal contacts.

Notes:

- 1. The likelihood of an actual Ebola case at the time of this communication is quite low, so the questions above are designed to be quick and simple. They therefore do not cover every possible symptom of Ebola; nor do they cover the unlikely scenario that a local patient has been exposed to an Ebola patient outside one of the active EBV transmission countries listed by the WHO.*
- 2. For more in depth information and updates, refer to the Alabama Department of Health website: <http://adph.org/ebola/>*
- 3. These instructions will need to be revised as the situation evolves.*

Thank-you,



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