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Health Care Resources for Suspected Cases of Ebola Virus Disease

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Please see the attached document from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response highlighting resources the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have made available regarding Ebola Virus Disease (EVD). CDC is updating its resources as more information becomes available. For the latest information, please visit their [website](#).



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The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) aim to increase understanding and promote preparedness of emergency departments concerning the Ebola hemorrhagic fever, also known as Ebola virus disease (EVD).

While countries from around the world join forces to support African communities in combatting this outbreak, we want to be sure our own nation is prepared should any cases of Ebola be diagnosed in the United States. Although ASPR, NIH, CDC and other federal agencies are working with private industry to move experimental therapies and vaccines into the earliest clinical trials, standard treatment for EVD remains supportive therapy. Early identification of Ebola cases is critical to mounting an effective response.

CDC has developed materials that we hope will help you in identifying and treating any cases that present in the U.S. for treatment. These materials include the following:

- [Guidelines for Evaluation of US Patients Suspected of Having Ebola Virus Disease](#)
- [Interim Guidance for Specimen Collection, Transport, Testing, and Submission for Patients with Suspected Infection with Ebola Virus Disease](#)
- [Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Hospitalized Patients with Known or Suspected Ebola Hemorrhagic Fever in U.S. Hospitals](#)
- [Case Definition for Ebola Virus Disease \(EVD\)](#)
- [Safe Management of Patients with Ebola Virus Disease \(EVD\) in U.S. Hospitals](#)
- [What Hospitals Need to Know to Prepare for Ebola Virus Disease: COCA Call](#)
- [Ebola Hemorrhagic Fever](#)

CDC also maintains robust catalog of resources online:

- [2014 Ebola Outbreak in West Africa](#)
- [What's New](#)
- [Questions and Answers on Ebola](#)
- [World Health Organization's Epidemic and Pandemic Alert and Response \(EPR\)](#)
- [Travel Health Notices](#)
- [Radio spots for Outbreak](#)
- [Infographic](#)
- [Outbreak Map](#)

HHS agencies, including CDC and ASPR, also invite you to stay up on the latest Ebola information available through social media, including Twitter [@phegov](#), [@CDCgov](#), [@CDCEmergency](#) and Facebook [Public Health Emergency](#), [CDC](#), [CDC Emergency Preparedness and Response](#), as well as through traditional EVD updates, such as the [CDC Health Alert Network](#) and the [CDC Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity](#).