

## HEALTH ADVISORY

### Ebola in the News: Reminder for Healthcare Providers

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Dear Kitsap County Providers,

With increasing public attention on the first U.S. Ebola case, I want to remind all healthcare facilities and providers to have systems in place to identify and appropriately manage potential Ebola cases as early as possible in the clinical encounter using isolation and infection control measures.

1. *Perform travel screening* on patients as early as possible in the clinical encounter to identify patients with travel to an Ebola-affected area and other risk factors.
2. *Immediately report* to Kitsap Public Health (360) 337-5235 any patient that in the past 21 days had:
  - Residence in/travel to an area where EVD transmission is active, or
  - Contact with blood/body fluids of a patient with known or suspected EVD, or
  - Directly handled bats, rodents, or primates from disease-endemic areas
3. See our Health Advisory from August 7, 2014 for more information, [http://www.kitsappublichealth.org/healthcare/files/080714\\_ProviderMessageEbola.pdf](http://www.kitsappublichealth.org/healthcare/files/080714_ProviderMessageEbola.pdf)

#### CDC Ebola Resources:

- Detailed Hospital Checklist for Ebola Preparedness, <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/pdf/hospital-checklist-ebola-preparedness.pdf>
- Information for Healthcare Workers, <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/index.html>
- Main Page - Ebola Virus Disease, <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/>

Sincerely,

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