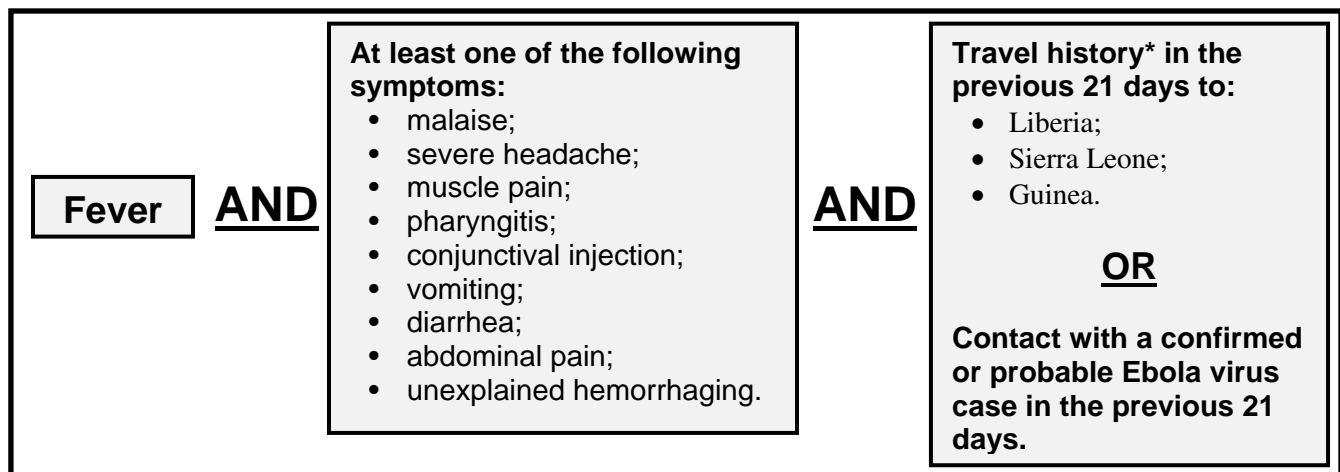


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Dear Health Care Provider:

Health Alert: Ebola Virus Outbreak - Update

If you have a patient presenting with the following:



- 1) **Isolate** the patient (using Droplet/ Contact precautions); **and**
- 2) **Consult** an Infectious Diseases specialist (ID service can be reached 24/7 at (204)-787-2071), who will provide further direction. The ID specialist will contact CPL (to arrange testing) and the relevant Medical Officer of Health.

- **The detection of the first imported Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) case in Texas does not change the risk level in North America.**
- **Public Health risk in Canada and Manitoba to EVD remains very low**, although the risk is greater for Canadians and Manitobans who have or are providing medical care to EVD infected individuals as part of the response efforts in West Africa.
- * **Note:** As of Sept 28th, 2014 the EVD risk in countries with an initial case or localized transmission, such as Nigeria, Senegal or the Congo (DRC), is significantly lower than in those with widespread and intense transmission such as Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea (for current risk status see the Manitoba Health EVD website at www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/diseases/ebola.html).
- As we start to enter the influenza season screening for travel history is important as initial EVD symptoms may be similar to those observed for influenza.

- Manitoba's Interim EVD Communicable Disease Management protocol and Interim EVD Infection Prevention and Control guidelines are available on the Public Health branch's website: www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/diseases/ebola.html.

Additional EVD information can be found on the World Health Organization's website: www.who.int/csr/disease/ebola/en/ and the Public Health Agency of Canada's website www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/id-mi/vhf-fvh/ebola-eng.php.

Sincerely,

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