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Dear Health Care Provider:

Health Alert: Ebola Virus Outbreak – Update for Health Care Providers

The Government of Canada has revised the interim measures for travelers from Liberia and Sierra Leone. Effective December 15th, these travelers are no longer screened or required to report to local public health in Canada for 21-day monitoring.

Despite improved surveillance and contact tracing, the Government of Canada remains concerned regarding the situation in Guinea. Pending a situational re-assessment, all travelers with a history of travel to Guinea:

- will either be immediately isolated and sent to hospital for a medical examination (if symptomatic); or
- will be required to report to a local public health authority and be monitored for up to 21 days by local public health

Regional Public Health continues to monitor travelers arriving from the affected country.

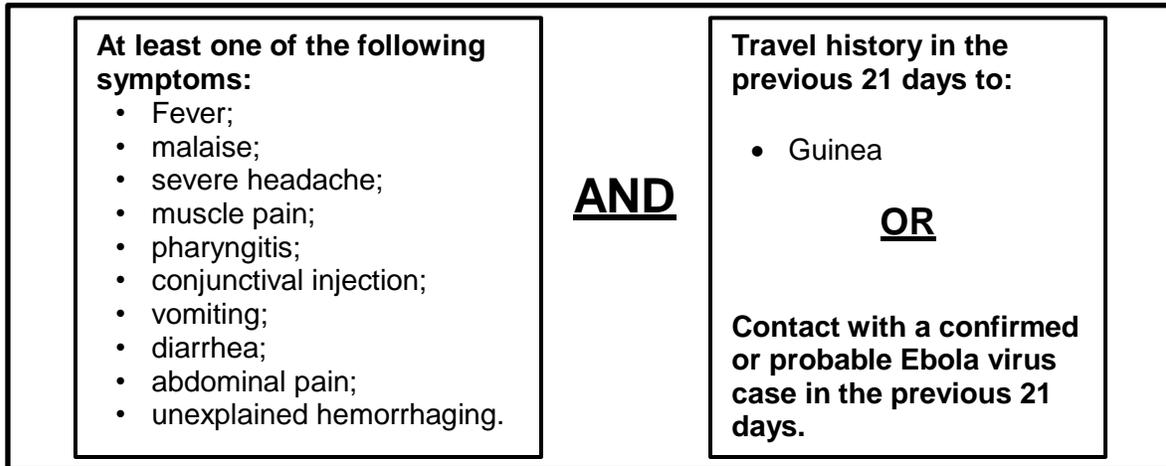
Should these individuals develop signs and or symptoms consistent with EVD, arrangements have been made for their transport by Emergency Medical Services to Emergency Rooms across the province for assessment and to Health Sciences Centre for EVD testing if required.

The chance of a potential Ebola patient arriving for medical care in either primary care settings or out-patient departments is extremely low. Nevertheless, should you have a patient present, see algorithm on next page.

The risk of a case of Ebola virus disease in Manitoba remains very low.

Additional EVD information, including resources for Health Care Providers and fact sheets for the general public can be found on the Manitoba Health, Healthy Living and Seniors website: www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/diseases/ebola.html.

If you have a patient presenting with the following:



- 1) **Follow a “No Touch” approach; give the patient a procedure mask.**
- 2) **Isolate** the patient in a separate room with dedicated washroom if possible (using Droplet/Contact precautions); **and**
- 3) **Contact 911** to arrange transport, and inform them that the patient is showing symptoms compatible with Ebola.
NB: For ER settings, please contact an Infectious Diseases specialist (ID service can be reached 24/7 at (204)-787-2071) who will provide further direction.

Sincerely,

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