



June 1, 2026

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Subject: Ebola Preparedness

Dear Chief Executive Officer or Administrator,

The World Health Organization has declared that there is currently an outbreak of Ebola. The Center for Disease Control has [determined](#) that the Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda, and South Sudan are areas where there is the need for enhanced screening. The Department is directing health care providers to prepare for the possibility of a patient or other individual presenting to the health care facility with a travel history within 21 days from one of the affected countries and presenting with symptoms of Ebola:

- Fever of greater than 100.5 degrees Fahrenheit / 38.06 degrees Celsius
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Chest pain
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Muscle Pain or weakness, and/or
- Unexplained bleeding or hemorrhage.

To ensure compliance and preparedness, health care providers are required to take the following actions immediately:

1. Protect patients, health care workers, and the public by raising the overall level of readiness and preparedness.
2. Be prepared for symptomatic patients who have recently traveled to the [affected countries](#) or other countries which may become impacted.
3. Develop your facility's resources for assessing and isolating patients to protect health care workers, patients, caregivers, and the public. Hospitals should assume that the availability of specialized beds to treat patients will be limited to those patients who require that specialty level of treatment.
4. Schedule and initiate drills to ensure that staff are knowledgeable on triaging patients who have come from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda, or South Sudan (as of the date of this letter) in the last 21 days and have any of the symptoms in the bulleted list above.
5. Train and staff necessary services and revise backup plans to meet health care needs if a problem develops.

6. Check on and preserve sufficient supplies of necessary personal protective equipment and other materials needed to provide high quality health care services.
7. Post the poster attached to this Dear Administrator Letter in every unit in the building.
8. For hospitals, complete the Hospital Personal Protective Equipment survey which is due not later than 3 PM on June 2, 2026 and can be accessed on the Health Commerce System.
9. For hospitals and clinics, attend the Department's webinar at 2:00 PM on June 2, 2026 for additional information and guidance. All hospital leaders were sent a calendar notice. For everyone else, this webinar will be recorded and posted on the Department's [website](#).

Health care providers should be vigilant and take actions now to prepare. Facility leadership is directed to ensure their team takes the steps necessary to respond to this emerging threat.

Sincerely,

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ATTENTION ALL PROVIDERS



If a patient presents with any of the following signs or symptoms:

- Fever (>100.5°F / 38.06°C) or chills
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Chest pain
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Muscle pain or weakness
- Unexplained bleeding or hemorrhage

AND

has traveled to an Ebola-affected area in the last 21 days



OR

has had close contact with a person suspected or confirmed to have Ebola virus disease in the last 21 days

IMMEDIATELY

Isolate the patient and limit contact to only those personnel essential to patient care.

Safely obtain a detailed travel and symptom history while maintaining appropriate infection control precautions.

Immediately contact the State Medical Operations Coordination Center (SMOCC) at (917) 909-2676 to report the suspected case and coordinate next steps.



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