Ebola Virus Disease (EVD)
Algorithm for Evaluation of the Returned Traveler

**FEVER** (subjective or ≥101.5°F or 38.6°C) or compatible EVD symptoms* in patient who has traveled to an Ebola-affected area** in the 21 days before illness onset

* headache, weakness, muscle pain, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain or hemorrhage

**YES**

1. Isolate patient in single room with a private bathroom and with the door to hallway closed
2. Implement standard, contact, and droplet precautions (gown, facemask, eye protection, and gloves)
3. Notify the hospital Infection Control Program and other appropriate staff
4. Evaluate for any risk exposures for EVD
5. IMMEDIATELY report to the health department

**Report** asymptomatic patients with high- or low-risk exposures (see below) in the past 21 days to the health department

**NO**

**HIGH-RISK EXPOSURE**
Percutaneous (e.g., needle stick) or mucous membrane contact with blood or body fluids from an EVD patient

OR
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OR
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**LOW-RISK EXPOSURE**
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OR
Healthcare personnel in facilities with confirmed or probable EVD patients who have been in the care area for a prolonged period of time while not wearing recommended PPE

**NO KNOWN EXPOSURE**
Residence in or travel to affected areas** without HIGH- or LOW-risk exposure

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If patient’s symptoms progress or change, re-assess need for testing with the health department

If patient does not require in-hospital management

Alert the health department before discharge to arrange appropriate discharge instructions and to determine if the patient should self-monitor for illness

Self-monitoring includes taking their temperature twice a day for 21 days after their last exposure to an Ebola patient

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