



## Health, Healthy Living and Seniors

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Dear Health Care Provider:

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

**Sustained and widespread transmission of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) is continuing in Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone.**

As part of enhanced border measures implemented November 10, 2014 by the Government of Canada all travelers from Ebola outbreak affected countries:

- 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 is now aware of any travelers arriving from affected countries and is monitoring them.**

**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.**

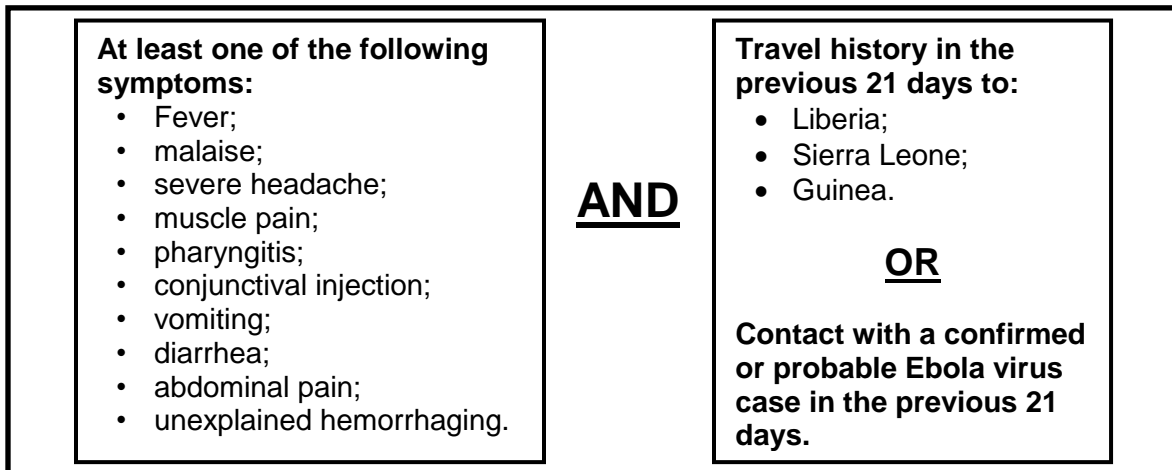
**The chance of a potential Ebola patient arriving for medical care in either primary care settings or out-patient departments is extremely low. Nevertheless, should you have a patient present, see algorithm on next page.**

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

Additional EVD information, including a list of countries with localized or isolated transmission, and fact sheets for Health Care Providers and the general public can be found on the Manitoba Health, Healthy Living and Seniors website:

[www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/diseases/ebola.html](http://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 ID Specialist as per our October 2, 2014 direction.

Sincerely,

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