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To All Agencies:

There have been a lot of questions on Ebola, there is good information out there. We need to be sensible and NOT overreact.

Simple questions for Medics, Call Takers and Dispatch when concerned about Ebola.

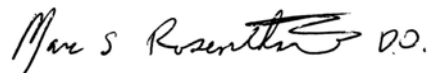
1. Is your patient ill: fever, diarrhea, vomiting (not just cough, runny nose)
 2. Has the patient been to West Africa: Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia.
 3. Has the patient been exposed to a **sick person** (fever, diarrhea, vomiting) who travelled to West Africa recently: Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia.
- If 2 and 3 are NO then it is not Ebola.
 - Asymptomatic travelers are not spreading disease.
 - DO NOT just ask about "Africa" - it is a huge continent including the Mediterranean countries of North Africa that many Detroiters travel to, Ebola is ONLY endemic in a small part of West Africa.

Always use standard precautions dealing with body fluids since there are daily exposures to other pathogens in our area (Hepatitis C in particular). Ebola is not airborne spread. Standard body fluid precautions will protect you. Review how to don and doff, since workers have been exposed when removing PPE.

BEST source for more information: <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/interim-guidance-emergency-medical-services-systems-911-public-safety-answering-points-management-patients-known-suspected-united-states.htm>



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