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HEALTH ALERT

EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE

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SITUATION:

On October 7, 2022, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) issued a health alert regarding the outbreak of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) in Uganda caused by the Sudan virus. As of October 12, a total of 74 cases (54 confirmed, 20 probable) and 30 deaths (19 confirmed, 20 probable) have been identified from five affected districts (Mubende, Kyegegwa, Kassanda, Kagadi, Bunyangabu) in Uganda. CDPH, in collaboration with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), is closely monitoring the outbreak and providing guidance and notification to local health jurisdictions receiving travelers returning from Uganda. To date, there are no suspected or confirmed cases reported in the United States. **This Alert includes requested actions for Alameda County clinicians and healthcare facilities.**

ACTIONS REQUESTED OF CLINICIANS:

1. **CONSIDER EVD** in patients with:
 - a. **Fever** >38.6°C (>101.5°F) **and symptoms** such as severe headache, muscle pain, sore throat, weakness, fatigue, loss of appetite, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, or unexplained hemorrhage; **AND**
 - b. **Risk factors within the past 21 days before onset** of symptoms, such as:
 - i. Residence in—or travel to affected areas of Uganda **OR**
 - ii. Contact with blood or other body fluids or human remains of a patient known to have or suspected to have EVD; **OR**
 - iii. Direct handling of bats or primates from areas where Ebola is endemic
2. **ISOLATE and implement standard, contact, and droplet precautions immediately** for suspected cases. Add airborne precautions for aerosol-generating procedures.
3. **REPORT** suspect EVD cases **IMMEDIATELY BY PHONE** to Alameda County Public Health Department (ACPHD) at **(510) 267-3250** during business hours or (925) 422-7595 at night or weekends.
4. **Testing** for suspected cases of EVD caused by the Sudan virus is **NOT** available at commercial laboratories and **must be discussed and coordinated with ACPHD, CDPH and CDC. ACPHD will facilitate this process upon receipt of report.**
5. **REVIEW** the following guidance for clinicians:
 - Full [health alert form CDPH](#)
 - CDC guidance for [screening patients](#)
 - [Infection control recommendation](#) when caring for persons under investigation(PUI)
 - CDC Ebola Information for Clinicians in US Healthcare Settings
<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/clinician-information-us-healthcare-settings.html>

ACTIONS REQUESTED OF Healthcare Facilities

1. **Implement [travel screening questionnaire](#)** at patient triage opportunities in all departments
 - develop a workflow algorithm for frontline workers based on triage questionnaire
 - Ensure frontline staff are trained to Identify, isolate and initiate internal response communications immediately
2. **Review and update** your healthcare facility's Ebola/infectious disease preparedness plan based on CDC guidelines:
 - [Interim Guidance for U.S. Hospital Preparedness for Patients Under Investigation \(PUIs\) or with Confirmed Ebola Virus Disease | Hospital Preparedness | Public Health Planners | Ebola \(Ebola Virus Disease\) | CDC](#)
 - [Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Hospitalized Patients Under Investigation \(PUIs\) for Ebola Virus Disease \(EVD\) in U.S. Hospitals | Ebola Virus Disease | Clinicians | Ebola \(Ebola Virus Disease\) | CDC](#)
 - [Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\) | Public Health Planners | Ebola \(Ebola Virus Disease\) | CDC](#)
 - [Interim Guidance for Environmental Infection Control in Hospitals for Ebola Virus | Cleaning and Disinfecting | Clinicians | Ebola \(Ebola Virus Disease\) | CDC](#)
 - [Procedures for Safe Handling and Management of Ebola-Associated Waste | Cleaning and Disinfecting | Clinicians | Ebola \(Ebola Virus Disease\) | CDC](#)
3. **Orient/re-orient** healthcare staff on policies and procedures for:
 - Infection control
 - Internal notification/communication
 - External communication- **reporting to local public health**
4. **Upcoming training webinar** information with frontline workers: Thursday, October 20, 2022 9-10am
 - To register for the NETEC webinar: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

Additional Information

1. CDC Ebola Page: <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/>
2. CDC Health Alert Network: [HAN Archive - 00477 | Health Alert Network \(HAN\) \(cdc.gov\)](#)
3. Alameda County Ebola Webpage: [Ebola \(acphd.org\)](#)