**“Insert Agency Name Here”**

**Compliance plan for mitigation of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD)**

* “Insert Agency Name Here” has designated 24/7 EVD lead points of contact personnel as :
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* “Insert Agency Name Here” will ensure the availability of appropriate personal protective equipment to all employees involved in direct and indirect patient care in accordance with current CDC recommendations (<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/procedures-for-ppe.html>).
	+ Use of standard , contact and droplet precautions are indicated:
		- Gloves;
		- Gown (fluid resistant or impermeable);
		- Eye protection (goggles or face shield that covers the front & sides of face);
		- Face mask;
		- In addition “Insert Agency Name Here” providers will use an N-95 respirator;
		- Additional PPE may be required in certain situations (e.g.… endotracheal intubation, open suctioning of airways, and CPR) including but not limited to, double gloving, disposable shoe covers and leg coverings.
* Conduct in-person training for proper donning and removal of PPE including physically practicing this procedure. All providers must be signed off as competent by an individual with infection control expertise i.e.…Company Infection Control Officer, Medical Director or designee.
* “Insert Agency Name Here” will follow CDC recommendations for the management of patients with suspected EVD (<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/interim-guidance-emergency-medical-services-systems-911-public-safety-answering-points-management-patients-known-suspected-united-states.html#ftn4>)
* PPE donning and removal practical skill competency will be assessed and logged on a monthly basis.
* In addition to PPE, “Insert Agency Name Here” providers will limit activities during transport that significantly increases the risk of exposure to infectious material (e.g.… advanced airway management, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, use of needles). Aerosolized medication should be avoided as these will aerosolize secretions. If high risk procedures are required “Insert Agency Name Here” providers will attempt to do them only after full PPE has been donned and while the vehicle is stopped or wait to perform the procedures at hospital destination.
* If a suspected EVD patient is identified via PSAP:
	+ “Insert Agency Name Here” will limit the number of providers making patient contact.
	+ Don PPE prior to entry to patient’s room and limit the number of people making patient contact.
	+ Limit personnel in the ambulance to the patient and the EMS provider only. However, if the patient is a minor a caregiver may accompany the patient to the hospital.
	+ Notify Medical Direction of potential EVD patient via cell phone and follow Emergency Department instructions.
* If a suspected EVD patient is identified upon assessment:
	+ Take steps to limit exposure and initiate standard precautions.
		- Providers will retreat to a "warm zone" away from the patient and any other contacts in the house. Providers will then don PPE per agency policy before re-entering to care for the patient.
	+ “Insert Agency Name Here” will limit the number of providers making patient contact.
	+ Limit personnel in the ambulance to the patient and the EMS provider only. However, if the patient is a minor, a caregiver may accompany the patient to the hospital.
	+ Notify Medical Direction of potential EVD patient via cell phone and follow Emergency Department instructions.
* “Insert Agency Name Here” will log all potential EVD patient contacts. If currently using emsCharts for documentation, a log will be created. Once a potential exposure is identified, the providers involved will have their temperatures monitored twice daily and logged with documentation of any symptoms present for 21 days.
	+ “Insert Agency Name Here” providers possibly exposed who develop sudden fever greater than 100.4 F, intense weakness or muscle pains, vomiting, diarrhea or signs of hemorrhage should:
		- Not report to work or immediately stop work and isolate themselves.
		- Notify their immediate supervisor and the 24/7 EVD contact person.
		- EDV contact will notify health department and facilitate access to occupational health services for post-exposure treatment.
* EMS students/observers performing clinical time at “Insert Agency Name Here” will not be exposed to known persons under investigation for EVD infection or confirmed EVD patients. In the event a student/observer has potential exposure identified upon initial assessment in an emergency setting, the student/observer will comply with all company policies relating to EVD mitigation.
* Medical Waste generated in the care of patients with known or suspected EVD will be considered Category A infectious waste. “Insert Agency Name Here” will work with hospital personnel to secure medical waste at the facility.

The “Insert Agency Name Here” protocol for cleaning and disinfection of vehicles, equipment and patient care devices used for potential EVD patients are as follows:

* + “Insert Agency Name Here” personnel performing cleaning and disinfection shall wear gloves, gown, face and eye protection with shoe and leg coverings since tasks such as liquid waste disposal can generate splashes.
	+ All patient care surfaces (including stretchers, railings, medical equipment control panels and adjacent flooring, walls and work surfaces) are likely to become contaminated and will be cleaned and disinfected after transport.
	+ “Insert Agency Name Here” will use a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered hospital disinfectant with a label claim for a non-enveloped virus (e.g., norovirus, rotavirus, adenovirus, poliovirus) for disinfection, such as bleach solution or Lysol Product. The appropriate contact time for disinfection will be followed as per manufactures guidelines
	+ Large amounts of potentially infectious material will be wiped up and contained with disposal towels prior to surface disinfection.
	+ Any textiles such as clothing, lines, porous pillows or mattresses exposed during treatment and/or decontamination shall be sequestered as regulated medical waste.