

SUMMARY

Regardless of your GHS or GML location, immediately contact ICP through the GMC operator at 570-271-6211 for any suspected Ebola cases.

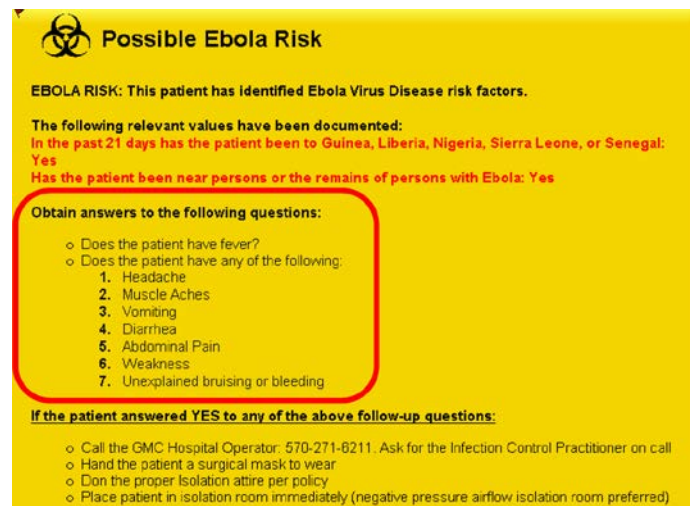
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10X Essentials: Ebola virus update

(Excerpt from *Our Geisinger 10/2/14*). Geisinger is prepared to handle any suspected Ebola cases in central and northeast Pennsylvania. We follow Centers for Disease Control guidance to screen patients for symptoms and travel history, and will take use best practices for infection control and protection. Fortunately, Ebola virus is not contagious until symptoms begin and is believed to require close contact with infected bodily fluids to spread. Geisinger and affiliated health care providers will screen patients with suspicious symptoms to make sure that those patients have not been to West Africa (Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Senegal) within the last 21 days; been in close contact with any blood or body fluids of a patient suspected of having Ebola virus; or handled bats or primates from the areas in West Africa listed above. (Approved signs for patient areas and GML Phlebotomy Areas are listed on pages 2 and 3, respectively.)

- Beginning 10/15/14: GHS will screen all patients with a FAST FACTS Epic Ebola Risk Assessment Process.
- **Regardless of your GHS or GML location, immediately contact Infection Control and Prevention through the GMC operator at 570-271-6211 for any suspected Ebola cases.**
- Persons under investigation will be transported to either GMC or GWV to negative pressure room (NPR) accommodations. Trained clinical and nursing staff will be deployed to treat the patient(s) and collect clinical samples.
- Point of Care Testing will be performed in the NPR by nursing staff, and if necessary, laboratory guidance will be provided by GML via telemedicine links.
- Ebola personal protective equipment (PPE) and supply lists are being prepared for use with Lawson ordering and will be available shortly.



Possible Ebola Risk

EBOLA RISK: This patient has identified Ebola Virus Disease risk factors.

The following relevant values have been documented:
In the past 21 days has the patient been to Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, or Senegal: **Yes**
Has the patient been near persons or the remains of persons with Ebola: **Yes**

Obtain answers to the following questions:

- Does the patient have fever?
- Does the patient have any of the following:
 1. Headache
 2. Muscle Aches
 3. Vomiting
 4. Diarrhea
 5. Abdominal Pain
 6. Weakness
 7. Unexplained bruising or bleeding

If the patient answered YES to any of the above follow-up questions:

- Call the GMC Hospital Operator: 570-271-6211. Ask for the Infection Control Practitioner on call
- Hand the patient a surgical mask to wear
- Don the proper Isolation attire per policy
- Place patient in isolation room immediately (negative pressure airflow isolation room preferred)

If you have any questions, please contact the Doctoral Directors, pager 8600; for newsletter questions, contact (570) 271-6338

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

In light of the national concerns about the Ebola virus, please tell us if you have:

- **Traveled to Nigeria, Liberia, Guinea, Sierra Leone or Senegal within the last 21 days**
- **Been in contact with a person suspected to have Ebola virus**

Thank you

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CAUTION: Do not collect samples prior to patient triage. FIRST. Ask the travel triage question if not already

1. **Mask the Patient:** Give the patient a surgical mask to wear and an emesis bag.
2. **Protect Your Eyes.** Put on eye protection (goggles or facemasks.)
3. **Protect Your Face.** Place an N95 mask (if you are fit-tested) or surgical mask on your face to cover your mouth and nose. A full face mask is an option.
4. **Double Glove.** Put on an additional pair of nitrile gloves.
5. **Gown up.** Put on a fluid resistant gown.
6. **Contact Infection Prevention:** Immediately contact Infection Control and Prevention (ICP) through the GMC operator at 570-271-6211, regardless of your GHS location. Follow their direction for patient transport, etc..
7. **Refer to Laboratory Safety Policy # 016 for more information.**
8. **For additional questions,** contact your medical director.
9. **CAUTION:** If exposed to body fluids, wash immediately with soap and water, rinse extensively, and report to supervisor. Dispatch wipes or 1:10 Clorox solution is recommended for surfaces.

