Guidelines for the Initial Management of Patients in Emergency Departments Who May Have Ebola Virus Disease (EVD)

For further guidance refer to:

Ensure that a protocol is in place to rapidly identify a potential EVD patient and immediately isolate that patient in a private room. This will reduce potential risks to staff, visitors and other patients.

- Place posters in entrances, triage areas and patient care areas to remind patients to report travel history
- Health Department posters in many languages are available by calling 311. The posters ask patients to immediately inform office staff if they are ill and recently traveled internationally. Posters can also be downloaded at nyc.gov/ebola.
- Stamps, stickers and screening forms can be used throughout the triage, registration and patient evaluation processes to prompt administrative, triage and clinical staff to ask EVD screening questions.

Prompt staff to identify patients with EVD risk factors and relevant travel history

- Triage and clinical staff should be familiar with the West African countries currently affected by the EVD outbreak: An updated map is available at www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/outbreaks/2014-west-africa/distribution-map.html. When evaluating potential EVD patients, take a thorough travel history. Any symptomatic patient identified with travel to an affected country within 21 days of illness onset should be immediately isolated in a private room with private bathroom or covered bedside commode, and clinical staff and infection control should be immediately notified. Standard, contact and droplet infection control measures should be implemented. Only essential personnel with
FEVER OR SYMPTOMS: Subjective or measured fever OR Compatible symptoms for EVD
(headache, weakness, myalgia, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain or unexplained hemorrhage)

AND

TRAVEL OR CLOSE CONTACT: Travel in the 21 days before illness onset to an affected area* OR Had close contact with a confirmed EVD patient

*For an updated map of affected areas, visit www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/outbreaks/2014-west-africa/distribution-map.html

If the EVD reporting criteria below are met, contact the Health Department at 866-692-3641 immediately

A Health Department medical epidemiologist will review the clinical and risk factor information with the clinician who has evaluated the patient to determine appropriate next steps.