



District's Ebola Procedures (1.4)

- Always keep in mind that some of the signs and symptoms of Ebola are similar to influenza (Flu) and the Norovirus. The Flu season is just starting, and this is the time of year when the norovirus (also known as the stomach virus) appears. Norovirus often causes vomiting and diarrhea.
- Regardless of illness, no one should come to class when they potentially could infect others.
- However, NO ONE shall be asked to leave a classroom or District location because he or she has allergies, is from a particular country and/or location, works for or attends a particular entity, or is related to but has had no physical contact with a person being observed for or diagnosed with Ebola.

Responding to a Report of an Individual showing signs or symptoms of an unknown illness at a DCCCD Location

Does the patient have a fever >38.6 C or 100.4 F **AND**

- During the past 21 days, has the patient been in contact with blood or bodily fluids of a patient known to have or has been suspected of having Ebola?
- During the past 21 days, has the person been in residence or traveled to a West African country where the Ebola outbreak is occurring or has directly handled bats or nonhuman primates from a disease-endemic area? Countries include: Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria, and Sierra Leone.

If the individual answers **NO**, then the person is to be treated the same as any other person showing Flu-like symptoms. *(An individual will not be treated differently simply because he or she has severe allergies or speaks with an accent.)* Keep in mind that some of the signs and symptoms of Ebola are similar to influenza (Flu) and the Norovirus (also known as the stomach virus). The season for both illnesses is just beginning.

If the patient meets the fever requirement and either one of the two questions, then the following should occur:

- Close off and/or lock the area in which the person is located.
- Isolate the patient. The nurse or first responder should be the only person within close contact.
- Notify the College Police Department at 972-860-4290 or 911 on a District phone by stating "A person has been isolated in the (give location) who meets the criteria for the Ebola Virus." Request an ambulance and emergency medical services.
- Notify the College Health Center (if not at the location) and Administration, stating: "A person has been isolated in the (give location) who meets the criteria for the Ebola Virus." Ask the Health Center to call Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) at 214-677-7899 with the findings.

- College Health Centers and College Police Departments will want to use their existing PPE (personal protective equipment) wisely and frugally, and ensure that training protocols regarding the proper use of PPE is rigorously followed. When PPE is not available, try to maintain distance. Police focus should be on containment when possible.

Clean-up of Bodily Fluids from someone who meets the criteria for the Ebola Virus

- Secure the area where bodily fluids are located. If they are confined to a single room, lock the door(s) and put up police barrier tape.
- If bodily fluids are in a common area and the area cannot be safely secured, then clear the building and lock the doors.
- If available, consider changing out lock cores in doors.
- The area will remain secured until health authorities advise on the person's medical status.
- If the person is diagnosed with the Ebola Virus, then the location will contact the District's Haz Mat vendor through Risk Management for decontamination of the area.
- If the person is NOT diagnosed with the Ebola Virus, then the area will be cleaned by the District's contracted custodial services.

Clean-up of Bodily Fluids from someone who DOES NOT meet the criteria for the Ebola Virus

If the person does not meet the criteria for the Ebola Virus, then the bodily fluids will be removed by the District's contracted custodial service and the area cleaned, using standard practices.

Please remember:

- Be diligent with Universal Precautions for all blood and bodily fluids.
- Expect frequent changes and updates.