EPIDEMIOLOGY & SURVEILLANCE

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Reporting a Suspected Case of Ebola

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Person Under Investigation (PUI) Classification

When reporting a suspected case of Ebola to Collin County Health Care Services the following definition for PUI will be used.

A clinically compatible case characterized by abrupt onset of fever and accompanied by one or more of the following symptoms: severe headache, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, diarrhea, fatigue, weakness, myalgia, unexplained bleeding or bruising, or development of a maculopapular rash. That meets one or more of the following exposures within 21-days before onset of symptoms:

- Contact with blood or other body fluids of a patient with EVD, **OR**
- Residence in—or travel to—an EVD endemic area or area currently classified by CDC as experiencing an Ebola outbreak, **OR**
- Handling EVD specimens in a laboratory setting, **OR**
- Work in a laboratory that handles primates, bats, or rodents from endemic areas, **OR**
- Exposure to semen or breast-milk of an individual who had EVD within the last 9 months

Alternative Diagnosis

Make sure to consider an alternative diagnosis such as malaria.

Control Measures Checklist

If you have a suspected PUI in your facility use the following control measures check list:

- Isolate patient.
- Implement standard, contact, and droplet precautions.
- Utilize appropriate PPE (http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/healthcare-us/ppe/guidance.html)
- To protect healthcare workers during care of a patient with EVD, healthcare facilities must provide onsite management and oversight on the safe use of PPE and implement administrative and environmental controls with continuous safety checks through direct observation of healthcare workers during the PPE donning and doffing processes.
- A list should be kept of all persons who are in proximity of the patient at the health care facility including time, location, and type of contact.