

## Ebola and High Risk Pathogens (HRP) Quick Guide for Frontline Users

### **Screening Questions to be asked by Clinic Front Desk, Hospital Admissions Staff and Pivot/Triage Nurses in Main, Minor and Children's ED for ALL PATIENTS**

- 1) Have you traveled outside of the United States in the past 30 days?
- 2) Have you been exposed to anyone sick?
  - If YES, where have you traveled?
  - If travel included the Democratic Republic of Congo or area of high concern, notify the charge nurse supervisor in the area.
  - A suspected patient is referred to as a "Patient Under Investigation" (PUI)
  - For additional resources, CDC travel notices are found at <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/>

### **If a patient is suspected of harboring a HRP, implement initial isolation procedure:**

- 1) Stay at least 6 feet away from PUI.
- 2) Keep PUI away from other patients, family, and team members.
- 3) Ask PUI to wear a procedure face mask.
- 4) Clinical staff will escort patient to a designated isolation space.
  - a. Do not reenter the designated isolation space without proper PPE.
- 5) Notify the respective department attending physician before going to the next step.

### **Immediately contact Medical Director of Infection Control, mobile \_\_\_\_\_ if no response in 5 minutes, call backup pager at \_\_\_\_\_**

- Provide PUI's name, age, symptoms, travel location, and any pertinent details

### **The Med. Dir. of Inf. Cont. will decide if the patient warrants HRP isolation and if the patient is a PUI.**

#### **If the patient IS a PUI:**

- Medical Director of Infection Control is responsible for making the initial phone calls to activate the HPR plan.
- Assemble HRP team and safely move PUI to Biocontainment Unit.

#### **If the patient is NOT a PUI:**

- Patient care will continue as usual
- Appropriate precautions should be taken as needed, such as Airborne Precautions for suspected tuberculosis patients (10-25-19)