

To: Centegra Health System Associates

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Re: Ebola Preparation

At this week's Open Forums, you'll hear information about Centegra's preparation for the possible event that we encounter a patient suspected of having the Ebola virus. Centegra Health System is prepared. Key leaders are regularly meeting to ensure best practices are in place that align with the current recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Centegra takes this threat seriously. Our teams are working with the McHenry County Department of Health, Illinois Department of Health and other local agencies to ensure our response is well coordinated with our community partners. Please talk to your leader about your department's role in our process.

Immediate isolation will be implemented for patients who have traveled to high-risk areas in Africa in the last 21 days and present with the following symptoms:

- A fever of 101.5 or higher
- Flu-like symptoms

All Associates and Physicians will wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) until Ebola is ruled out. Patients who call our facilities with these complaints will be triaged and directed through the Centegra Hospital-McHenry Emergency Department for instructions prior to arrival at the hospital.

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