

Ebola Preparedness Resources for EMS

With the announcement of the first case of Ebola diagnosed in the US, the following preparedness resources for EMS providers and agencies from the CDC have been compiled. *These can and should be distributed widely through the public safety community:*

- Detailed EMS Checklist for Ebola Preparedness <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/pdf/ems-checklist-ebola-preparedness.pdf>
- Interim Guidance for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems and 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) for Management of Patients with Known or Suspected Ebola Virus Disease in the United States <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/interim-guidance-emergency-medical-services-systems-911-public-safety-answering-points-management-patients-known-suspected-united-states.html>
- Case Definition for Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/case-definition.html>
- Signs and symptoms of EVD <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/symptoms/index.html>
- Sequence for putting on and taking off PPE <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/pdf/ppe-poster.pdf>
- EVD screening criteria for hospitals <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/pdf/evd-screening-criteria.pdf>
- Guidance on Air Medical Transport for Patients with Ebola Virus Disease <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/guidance-air-medical-transport-patients.html> (please note: the guidance was initially prepared with long-distance medical transport in mind, additional guidance specific to EMS-oriented air medical transport such as between medical facilities may be provided to supplement this guidance in the future.)
- Communications during a crisis http://emergency.cdc.gov/cerc/resources/pdf/leaders_cerc_zcard.pdf