

WV Frontline EVD Readiness: No-Notice Drill Plan

For Drill Purposes Only

DRILL SCENARIO

(do not share this information with drill players)

As an unannounced action on the day of the drill, a patient actor will self-present at the hospital in the _____ (insert name of exact location) with complaints of continuing fever around 102 F and gastro-intestinal (GI) distress including extreme cramping and nausea (no vomiting, diarrhea, or unexplained bleeding) that began 2 days ago.

WHEN ASKED, the patient will confirm travel to Liberia and returning last week. He/she will also reply to questions about caring for many sick people with severe bleeding and several unexplained deaths while serving as an aid worker in a local village while in Liberia. He/she can state return air travel via London, Dulles Airport in Virginia, and then into a WV airport (insert name of airport closest to the participating hospital).

NOTE:

The patient actor should NOT offer up this information, but rather should wait and reply to related questions from triage staff.

Expected Response

With further questioning, the patient actor should be identified as having symptoms of influenza-like illness (ILI) **AND** epidemiological risk (based on CDC's guidance).

Players should implement infection control precautions and protection measures, don recommended PPE (for staff and patient), and notify internal infection control (IC) and the local health department (LHD) for advice and further direction.

NOTE:

If it is not quickly determined during the consultation with IC and LHD, the Drill Manager should inform the players that at this point, the patient is considered to be a Person Under Investigation (PUI) for EVD.

The hospital should continue to isolate and further triage the patient, collect specimens and test as recommended by public health, address fluid depletion and GI symptoms, and prepare patient for transport to a higher level of care at a designated assessment or treatment healthcare facility.

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