

Oakland County Medical Control Authority EMS Advisory



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ATTENTION: Oakland County EMS

As frontline EMS providers, you play an essential role in protecting the health and well being of our county. You can contribute to our county's response by being ready to detect a potentially infected patient; protect yourself, your colleagues, and other patients from exposure; and respond with appropriate patient care.

Detect: Oakland County Public Health has requested that all PSAP's incorporate the needed assessment questions of patients presenting with fever, AND travel to West Africa or exposure to a sick person who traveled from West Africa, OR fever and direct handling of bats or nonhuman primates from disease-endemic areas.

Protect: Before responding to the scene (remember, time is not of the essence):

1. Notify medical control (appropriate hospital).
2. Prepare the unit: protect the unit from any bodily fluids from the patient. Cab area must be shielded from the back of the unit. The driver must not be in contact with the patient.
3. Only send appropriately trained personnel with appropriate PPE (no exposed skin, face covered and double gloves). Leave all personal items in the cab (e.g. wallets, cell phones, jewelry, etc.).

Respond: At the scene, don PPE and minimize number of personnel entering the scene. Do not transport people without symptoms (e.g. the worried well). Minimize exposure to blood, vomit and feces. Wrap the patient in impermeable sheets (e.g. burn sheets) and place a surgical mask on the patient. Minimize touching any other surface after patient contact. Transport to the appropriate hospital that has been notified.

The buddy system for doffing PPE at the hospital will take place and you will go through a decontamination process. All clothing will be destroyed. The EMS unit will be out of service until it is decontaminated.

The CDC website has all the up-to-date materials. Please refer to this website often!

PLEASE CONTACT THE OCMCA WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

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