ATTENTION: Oakland County EMS Emergency Protocol Implementation

The purpose of these two emergency protocols is to provide guidance to Oakland County Emergency Response personnel when dealing with a patient that is suspected or known to have any Highly Contagious Disease, such as Ebola. As you may know, the Oakland County Health Division monitors all incoming travelers from the Ebola affected areas. At any time, there may be several people being monitored in Oakland County, so the implementation of these protocols is critical. The new protocols are as follows:

Highly Contagious Disease Incident Protocol – Positive PSAP Screening
This protocol will be used when a dispatcher, following the ‘Caller Screening for PSAPs’ flow chart, has a positive screening.

Highly Contagious Disease Incident Protocol – Chance Encounter
This protocol will be used when Oakland County Emergency Response personnel who after making physical and/or close proximity patient contact suspect, or are informed, that the patient may have a highly contagious disease. After following this protocol, personnel will be instructed to follow the Highly Contagious Disease Incident Protocol – Positive PSAP Screening.

Highly Contagious Disease Management Team (HCDMT)
As these protocols were written, a new team was developed called the Highly Contagious Disease Management Team (HCDMT), which is referred to in the protocols. This Team will assist the Life Support Agency with a patient that has been positively screened. This Team is NOT intended to take control away from the local jurisdiction, but to supplement and provide another level of expertise and assistance to ensure a safe and effective response to protect our responders. The Team will be contacted through Oakland County Sheriff Dispatch (see Caller Screening for PSAPs).

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