



Update to Interim Guidance on Ebola-related  
Hospital Preparedness

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To Public Health Partners:

The Oregon Public Health Division remains vigilant in ensuring its staff and those at local public health departments and health care partners around the state stand ready to respond should a confirmed Ebola case present in the state. Earlier this month, Oregon Health and Science University had to deactivate as an Ebola Assessment Hospital. This doesn't lessen the state's ability to respond to an Ebola case. Six other hospitals around the state remain in this category, including:

- Good Samaritan Medical Center, Portland (Legacy Health)
- Providence Milwaukie Hospital (Providence Health and Services)
- Asante Ashland Community Hospital (Asante)
- St. Charles Redmond (St. Charles Health System)
- Kaiser Westside Medical Center, Hillsboro (Kaiser Permanente Northwest)
- Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital, Lebanon (Samaritan Health Services partnering with Peace Health System)

These facilities will continue to maintain their ability to initiate laboratory testing and evaluate and care for a patient for up to 96 hours, or until discharge or transfer based on test results, according to CDC guidelines (<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/healthcare-us/ppe/guidance.html>). Such "Tier 2 Hospitals" have isolation facilities that allow safe, effective care for a person under investigation; direct-care staff with rigorous training in appropriate infection control precautions and use of required personal protective equipment; the ability to handle necessary laboratory testing; and the ability to maintain a four- to five-day supply of personal protective equipment required for care of an Ebola patient.

Within the FEMA Region X, Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center and Children's Hospital in Spokane has agreed to become the Region X Ebola Treatment Center (ETC). We are grateful for their leadership and the factors that make this a possibility for them to serve our region.

Oregon also continues to ensure its network of "Ebola Tier 3: Frontline Healthcare Facilities" stay capable of assessing, isolating and monitoring a patient for up to 24 hours before transport to a Tier 2 Assessment Hospital, including initiating testing of low-risk individuals, in consultation with the state and local public health department.

If you have any questions, please let us know. You also can visit the Oregon Public Health Division's Ebola response website, <http://www.healthoregon.org/ebola>, for more information, including documents describing CDC and OHA guidance on Ebola-related hospital preparedness.

Sincerely,  
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