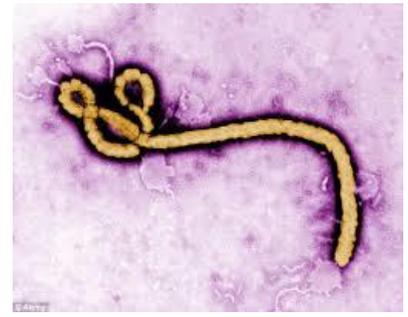


# Could it be Ebola?

## A Guide for School and Childcare Staff



### 1 Think Ebola *only* if...

the student has travel history to Guinea, Liberia, or Sierra Leone OR a history of exposure to an ill person with travel history to Guinea, Liberia, or Sierra Leone.



### 2 Evaluate the student

Do they have fever?

OR

Other symptoms, including:

- Severe headache
- Muscle pain
- Weakness
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Abdominal (stomach) pain
- Unexplained bleeding or bruising

### 3

If yes to fever or symptoms

**Call the parent or guardian**

ASK:

“In the past month, has the student or anyone in the household traveled to an area with Ebola (Guinea, Liberia, or Sierra Leone)?”

“In the past month, Is there anyone in the household that has traveled to Guinea, Liberia, or Sierra Leone and is ill?”

**If Yes to Either Question, proceed to Step 4.**

### 4

If you reasonably believe there is a positive travel history **and** Ebola-like symptoms, contact your local Health Department (<http://health.state.tn.us/localdepartments.htm>) or the Tennessee Department of Health (615-741-7247).

### Student Care Checklist

1. Avoid physical contact with the patient and with body fluids.
2. Wear a mask, gloves, and gown if physical contact with the patient is required.
3. Place facemask on the student if tolerated.
4. Place the student in a separate room with a private bathroom (if available).
5. Contact school administration.
6. Follow the guidance of the health department (to include calling 911 if directed).
7. Maintain distance while attending to the patient’s medical needs and comfort.

For more information on how to care for a person under investigation for Ebola, please visit: <http://www.cdc.gov/ebola>

For Tennessee Department of Health Information on Ebola, please visit <http://health.state.tn.us/Ceds/ebola.htm>

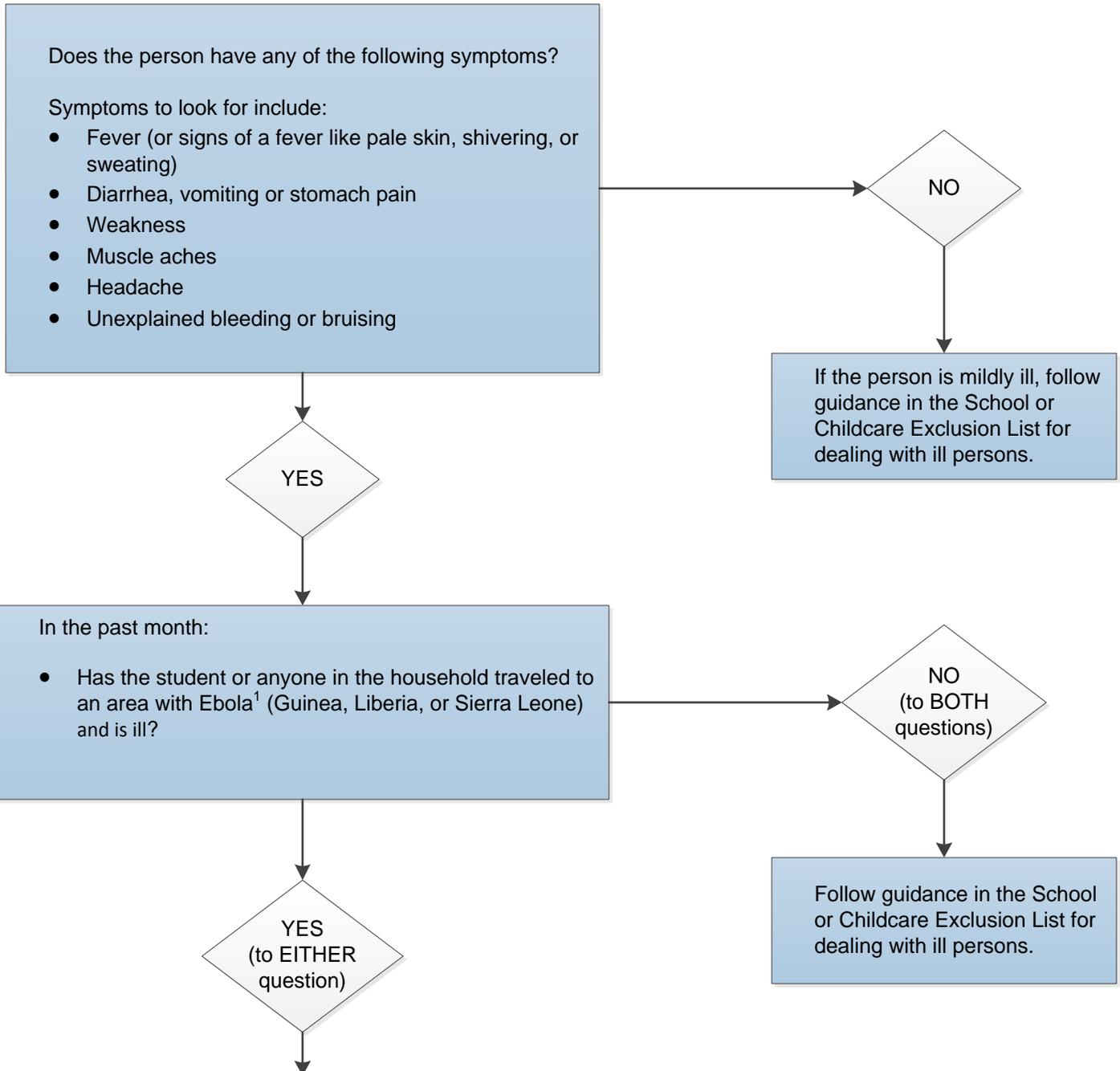


# Brief Ebola Risk Assessment for Schools and Child Care



This flow chart may help school and childcare staff in deciding what to do when a child, student, or staff member presents with a fever or other symptoms similar to Ebola.

Even If a child is able to answer questions, please seek information from the child's parent or guardian.



**Immediate Assessment is Needed.**

- Contact your Local Department of Health or call the Tennessee Department of Health at 615-741-7247 anytime
- Follow the directions of the health department
- If directed to call 911, tell the operator:
  - Someone in the school has a fever or concerning symptoms AND
  - The person has recently returned from an Ebola affected country OR was a contact to an ill person with travel Guinea, Liberia, or Sierra Leone in the last month.
- While waiting for the ambulance to arrive, the ill person should be isolated in a room separate from others. Anyone caring for the ill person should wear a mask, gloves, and a protective gown.

1. As of 04 Nov., 14, widespread Ebola transmission is occurring in Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone. Please check the map here for updated information: <http://health.state.tn.us/Ceds/ebolaMap.htm>