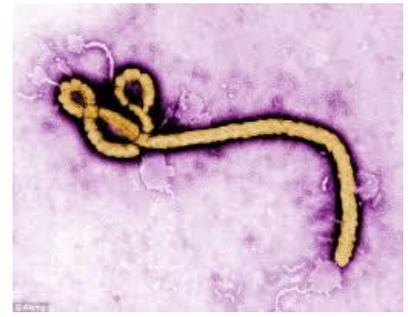


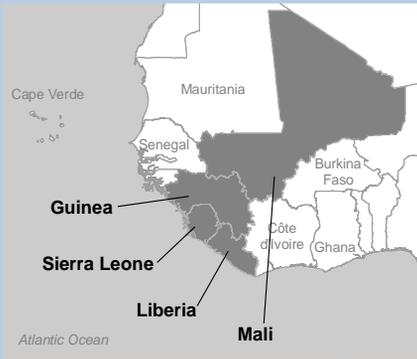
Could it be Ebola?

A Guide for Law Enforcement



1 Think Ebola *only* if...

the person has travel history to (OR exposure to an ill person with travel history to) Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone, or Mali.¹



2 Symptoms to look for:

- Fever (or signs of a fever like pale skin, shivering, or sweating)
- Diarrhea, vomiting or stomach pain
- Weakness
- Muscle aches
- Headache
- Unexplained bleeding or bruising

Ask the person if they are experiencing any of the above symptoms.

3 If yes to fever or symptoms Check travel history

Ask the person:

In the past month, have you traveled to an area with Ebola (Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone, or Mali)?

In the past month, has anyone that has been in your household that has traveled to Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone, or Mali 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,

1. Contact EMS

2. Isolate the person (as possible) and maintain distance

- It is essential to reduce the risk of contact with blood, saliva, feces, and other body fluids. Avoid physical contact with the person and with body fluids.
- If needed, ensure law enforcement vehicle or equipment is decontaminated with EPA registered disinfectant to inactivate Ebola virus. Safe handling of potentially contaminated materials is essential.

If the person does not have risk factors, proceed with normal operations.

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

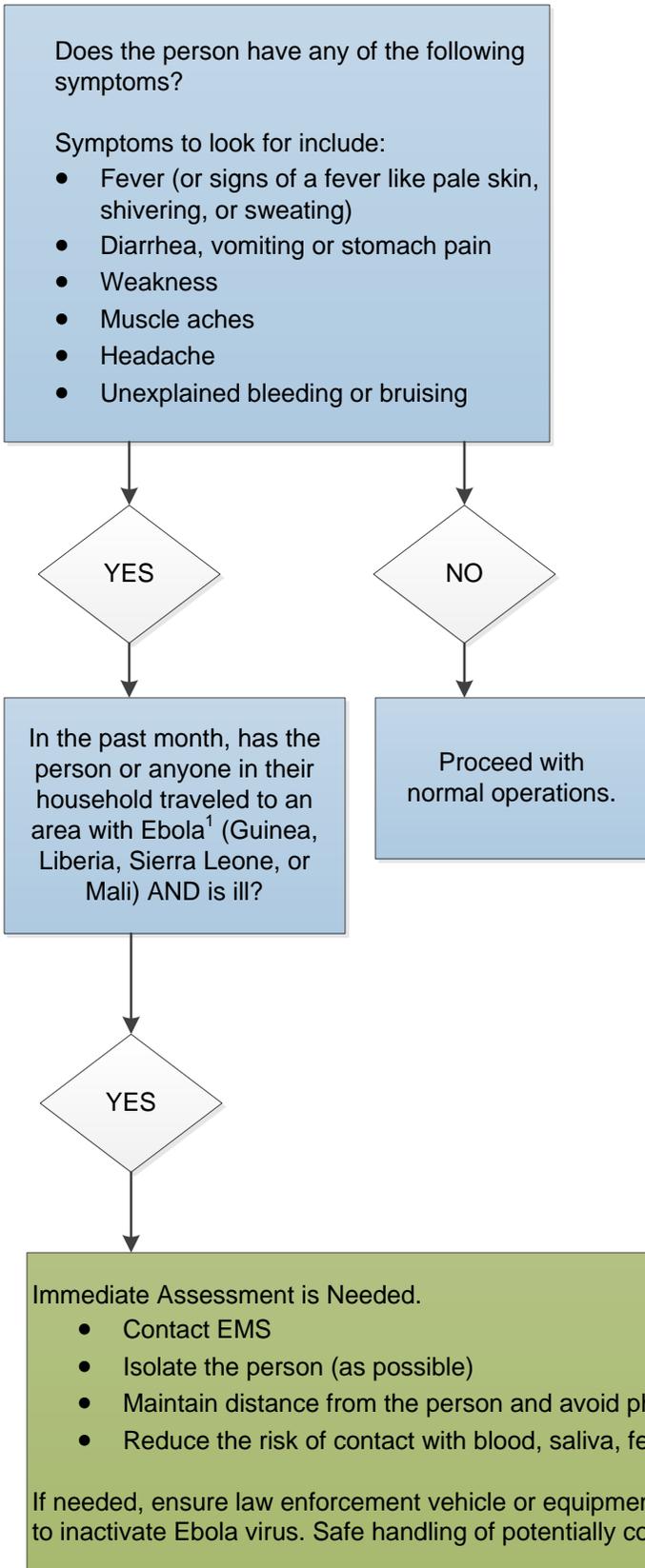


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Brief Ebola Risk Assessment for Law Enforcement



This flow chart may help law enforcement personnel in deciding what to do when interacting with an individual with a fever or other symptoms similar to Ebola.



What is isolation?

Isolation is a measure used to separate infected persons, or persons reasonably believed to be infected, from others in the community during their infectious period.

What is quarantine?

Quarantine is a measure that separates persons exposed to a known or suspected case from others in the community. The quarantined person is not typically ill but is simply being observed for symptoms while separated from unexposed persons in the community.

What happens if someone does not agree to isolation/quarantine?

Under Tennessee law, the Commissioner of Health (“Commissioner”), a Health Officer, and the Chief Medical Officer for the State of Tennessee are all authorized to issue a health directive requiring a person to cooperate with health authorities’ efforts to prevent or control disease transmission. A health directive may include, but is not limited to, medical tests and examinations, isolation and quarantine, or preventing or restricting access to premises.

Who has authority in Tennessee to protect the health of the public if someone will not voluntarily cooperate with health authorities and they present a risk to others?

Under Tennessee law, both the Commissioner and Health Officer are authorized to protect the public when someone refuses to voluntarily cooperate with health authorities and presents a risk to others. The Commissioner or Health Officer may issue a health directive requiring cooperation. If the person does not cooperate pursuant to the health directive, the Commissioner may petition the General Sessions Court to order examination, isolation, or other appropriate treatment.

Authority: T.C.A §§ 4-3-1803(1), (3), and (4), 68-1-103, 68-1-104, 68-1-201, 68-1-201, 68-5-104, and Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1200-14-4 (2004).

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