



Orange County

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PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

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PLEASE DISTRIBUTE TO PEDIATRIC, FAMILY PRACTICE, PRIMARY CARE, EMERGENCY ROOM, INTERNAL MEDICINE, INFECTIOUS DISEASE, OB/GYN AND AMBULATORY CARE STAFF.

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE #3 **RESOURCE INFORMATION REGARDING EBOLA FOR ORANGE COUNTY** **PHYSICIANS AND PROVIDERS**

- **No cases of Ebola have occurred in New York State.**
- Report immediately to Orange County Health Department any patient with fever and/or compatible symptoms who traveled to an affected area in Africa within 21 days before illness onset.
 - Affected areas currently include: Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Guinea
- Symptoms of Ebola may include fever, headache, joint and muscle aches, abdominal pain, weakness, diarrhea, vomiting, stomach pain, lack of appetite, rash, red eyes, cough, chest pain, difficulty breathing or swallowing, and bleeding inside or outside of the body. Symptoms may appear anywhere from 2 to 21 days after exposure to the virus.
- Ebola is transmitted through **DIRECT** contact with the blood or bodily fluids of an infected symptomatic person or through exposure to objects (medical equipment) that have been contaminated with infectious secretions.
- For specific recommendations for healthcare personnel, laboratory testing guidance and the Ebola fact sheet please visit:
www.orangecountygov.com/ebola or www.cdc.gov/ebola
- Remember, **IMMEDIATELY** call Orange County Health Department (845) 291-2330, twenty-four hours a day, 7 days a week if you suspect Ebola.