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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Medical officers of health, health workers and health sector employers

RE: Updated guidance for Ebola virus disease on the Public Health Ontario Website

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The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care continues to collaborate with the Public Health Agency of Canada, Public Health Ontario (PHO), Ministry of Labour and other health system partners to monitor the evolving Ebola virus disease (EVD) situation in West Africa and take measures to ensure the ongoing health system's readiness to respond to a probable or confirmed case. The risk posed by Ebola for Ontarians remains low.

PHO has updated its guidance for public health units, health workers and health sector employers on its EVD Website. Visit [www.publichealthontario.ca/ebola](http://www.publichealthontario.ca/ebola) to view the following resources:

- a new document entitled *Infection Prevention and Control Guidance for Patients With Suspected or Confirmed Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) in Ontario Health Care Settings* that provides guidance on infection prevention & control measures, public health reporting requirements, and case and contact management (this replaces the document entitled *Viral Haemorrhagic Fever: PHO Update for Clinicians - July 22, 2014*)
- updates to the laboratory guidance in the *Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) Interim Sample Collection and Submission Guide*
- links to other relevant infection prevention & control resources

As the resources on PHO's EVD Website will be updated when new information becomes available, I encourage health system partners to visit it regularly.

Public health units, health workers and health sector employers should review these resources to ensure they are prepared to detect, investigate and manage cases of EVD, as well as to protect the health and safety of health workers, patients and the public.

Please continue to use your established communication channels to share this information with health care providers and other health workers in your networks and organizations.

As a reminder, health care providers are required to report suspect, probable and confirmed cases of EVD to their public health unit.

As always, the ministry is available to support you during urgent situations that may arise. You can contact the ministry on a 24/7 basis through the Health Care Provider Hotline at 1-866-212-2272.

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