Ebola Post-Care Quick Reference Document for AHS People



I have been caring for a patient with suspect Ebola Virus Disease

- WHAT HAPPENS NOW?"

- 1. With respect to precautionary measures, a suspect Ebola Virus Disease case is approached in the same manner as a confirmed case. It is important that you strictly follow the personal protective equipment (PPE) guidelines and donning/doffing procedures provided. The "Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) & Workplace Health and Safety (WHS) Ebola Virus Disease (Ebola) Guidance for Acute Care Settings" and related documents can be found on the AHS "Ebola Information for Health Professionals" website: ahs.ca/ebola. If you have questions or concerns regarding PPE, then speak with your manager, who can engage with Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) or Workplace Health and Safety (WHS) staff as necessary.
- 2. The PPE and donning/doffing procedures are designed to protect you and your co-workers from being exposed to the Ebola virus. Once you have doffed your PPE and performed hand hygiene in accordance with the doffing sequence, you may proceed from the doffing area. By following the doffing procedure in detail, you can leave the doffing area confident that you will not be "carrying" the virus.
- 3. A list of all people who enter the patient's room or otherwise have contact with the patient with suspect Ebola Virus Disease will be maintained, using the <u>room entry log</u>. This list should include the names of individuals who assist with doffing procedures but who may not necessarily enter the patient room. It is important for you to ensure that the staff list includes your full name and AHS employee number/CPSA number.
- **4.** A patient with suspect Ebola Virus Disease will undergo laboratory testing in order to confirm the diagnosis. This may require repeat testing spread over several days, depending on the clinical scenario. During the diagnostic process, maintain precautionary measures until directed otherwise by IPC.
- 5. If laboratory testing confirms Ebola Virus Disease as the diagnosis, then continue to adhere to the PPE guidelines and donning/doffing procedures that are already in place. When an Ebola diagnosis is confirmed, the individual responsible for maintaining the staff list noted above will immediately submit it to WHS.
- 6. Once WHS has received the staff list, WHS will inform Public Health of the list and WHS will contact each individual on the list. When you are contacted by WHS, you will be provided with additional information and instructions. Consistent with Public Health protocol for individuals who have cared for an individual with Ebola Virus Disease, you will be asked to monitor for symptoms using a tracking diary that WHS will provide, and WHS will contact you on a daily basis to review. This will occur for 21 days following your last contact with the patient.

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