

Viral Hemorrhagic Fever (VHF) Triage in the Emergency Department

All patients presenting to triage with recent travel should be screened with the following questions:

Have you travelled to an Ebola outbreak country (Guinea, Liberia, or Sierra Leone) within the last 21 days?

If Yes: Do you have **fever AND** one or more of the following: malaise, muscle aches, headache, red eyes, sore throat, abdominal pain, vomiting, diarrhea, unexplained bleeding, or rash on the trunk?

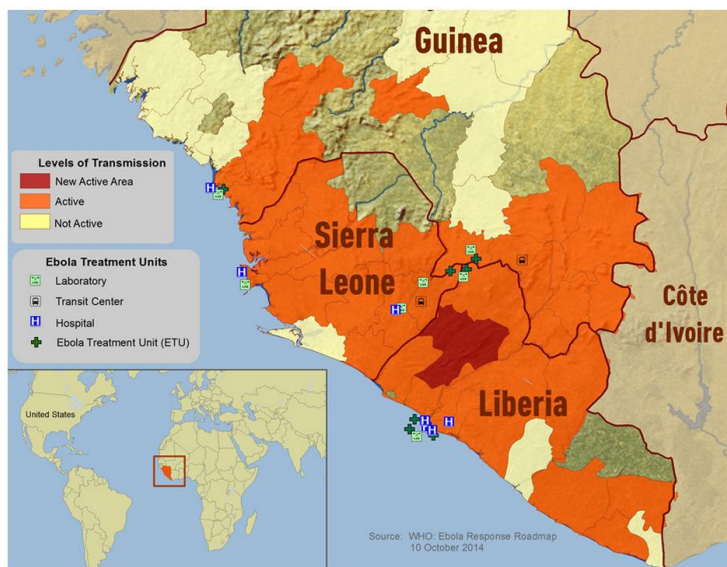
If No:

- Continue with routine triage assessment

If Yes:

- Provide a surgical mask for the patient to wear.
- Immediately place the patient on Droplet/Contact Precautions* in a private room with an anteroom and dedicated washroom.
- Contact the Medical Microbiologist on-call through the PHC Call Centre.
- Further instructions are available in the PHC Viral Hemorrhagic Fever Manual on the IPAC intranet website.

*Airborne Precautions will be utilized for an aerosol generating procedure OR if the patient presents with fever AND red eye, sore throat or rash on the trunk.



<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/outbreaks/2014-west-africa/distribution-map.html>

