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SUBJECT: EBOLA DIAGNOSED IN THE U.S. (TEXAS)

There have been a number of questions and concerns received by Orange County EMS this afternoon following the announcement by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that a traveler from Africa visiting in Texas has been diagnosed with Ebola.

The CDC recommends that individuals protect themselves by avoiding contact with the blood and body fluids of anyone that is ill. They also encourage health care providers to ask patients about recent travel and consider Ebola in patients with fever and a history of travel to Sierra Leone, Guinea, Liberia, and Nigeria within 21 days of the onset of symptoms. As always, personal protective equipment and universal precautions are the health care provider's best defense against contagious diseases of any type.

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