



Diagnostic Laboratory Services Response to Ebola Virus Disease (EVD)

EVD is a highly infectious disease of public health significance, confined mostly to parts of Western Africa. High risk for acquiring the disease is related to travel into an endemic area or close contact with a known Ebola infected patient. While presently confined mostly to parts of Western Africa, there are documented confirmed cases in the United States.

To ensure the health and safety of our employees and patients, and to minimize exposure to the general population,

PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY PATIENT OR SUBMIT ANY SPECIMEN FROM A SUSPECTED EBOLA PATIENT TO DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY SERVICES (DLS) OR ANY OF ITS SATELLITE LOCATIONS.

DLS will NOT collect, process, or analyze any specimens from known or suspected Ebola patients.

All testing for Ebola is being managed by the Hawaii Department of Health and performed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Once a suspected patient has been ruled out for EVD by the CDC, then DLS can collect and process specimens from that patient.

Any health care provider, hospital, or other related institution that identifies a patient with suspected EVD, or is even considering testing for Ebola on a patient, should immediately contact the Hawaii Department of Health, Disease Investigation Branch at (808) 586-4586 for further instructions.

In addition, physician guidelines regarding EVD, published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), may be accessed on their website at www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/index.html.