

**Facsimile Cover Sheet**  
**Wharangi Nama Waea**

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<b>To/Kia: General Practitioners, Practice Nurses, Pharmacists, After-hours Centers , ID Physicians, and Emergency Departments in the greater Wellington and Wairarapa region</b>	<b>From/Na:  Dr Annette Nesdale</b>
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**Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) Update from the Ministry of Health**

Please distribute the following updated Ministry of Health information to relevant staff in your organisation.

The documents listed below can be accessed on the Regional Public Health website **www.rph.org.nz**. Click the **Health Professionals** tab, and then select '**Ebola**' from the drop-down menu.

**1. Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) Updated Information for Health Professionals (version 12-11-14)**

*Significant changes to updated document:*

- Updated case definitions to state 'fever or history of fever' due to evolving international evidence on use of specific temperatures and expert technical advice.
- Updates to Infection Prevention Control guidance (appendix 3), including insertion of waste procedures and clarification of primary care PPE requirements in the 'Summary of Personal Protective Equipment Requirements' section.
- Amendments to 'Contact Tracing and Management' section 2.4.
- Addition of the National Referral Pathways - EVD (appendix 4)

**2. Patient Management Guideline for Primary Care: Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) (version 12-11-14)**

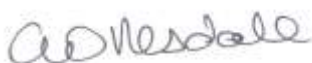
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- Minor changes to contents of 'pathways.'
- Simplification of when EVD should be suspected.

The situation with EVD internationally is rapidly evolving, so these documents are being reviewed on a fortnightly cycle. The Ministry of Health would appreciate any feedback on their content, which they will continue to integrate in future revisions. Please don't hesitate to contact the Ministry of Health on [ebolareadiness@moh.govt.nz](mailto:ebolareadiness@moh.govt.nz) if you have any feedback, queries.

If you would like additional information, or if you would like us to fax the documents to you directly, please call Regional Public Health on 04 570 9002 and ask to speak to a health protection officer.

Kind regards,



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