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To/Kia: General Practitioners, Practice Nurses, Pharmacists, After-hours Centers, ID Physicians, and Emergency Departments in the greater Wellington and Wairarapa region

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Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) Update from the Ministry of Health

I would be grateful if you could distribute the following updated information from the Ministry of Health 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. Updated Information for Health Professionals: Ebola Virus Disease (Version 25-11-14)

Significant changes to updated document:

- Updated case definition with removal of Democratic Republic of Congo as an Ebola-affected country
- Update to contact categories and management table, separating healthcare workers in a New Zealand setting
- Updates to Appendix 3: Infection prevention and control management plan - specifically additional information on PPE, occupational health and waste management

2. Patient Management Guideline for Primary Care: Ebola Virus Disease (version 25-11-14)

Significant changes to updated document:

- Elaboration on key notes for primary care
- Clarification of environmental cleaning and decontamination process being advised by local public health unit, with input from Ministry of Health
- Addition of waste management pathway and summary table of PPE for primary care

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 if you have any feedback, queries.

Kind regards,



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