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To/Kia: Hospital Specialists, General Practitioners, Practice Nurses, Pharmacists, After-hours Centers and Emergency Departments in the greater Wellington and Wairarapa region	From/Na: Regional Public Health
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Updated Information for Health Professionals: Ebola virus disease (EVD) (version 04-06-15)

I would be grateful if you could distribute the following information from the Ministry of Health to relevant staff in your organisation.

If you would also like to receive this by email for ease of distribution, storage and retrieval please advise RPH of your email on rph@huttvalleydhb.org.nz.

Kind regards,



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Updated information for health professionals: ebola virus disease

The Ministry of Health has updated the advice on ebola virus disease (EVD) (version 04-06-15) for Health Professionals. This replaces the previous version circulated on 4 February 2015.

This document is available on the [RPH website](#) by clicking Health Professionals>Communicable Disease>Ebola

Changes to updated document:

- Minor updates throughout document to clarify intent or improve readability.
- The case definition has been aligned with those of other countries (i.e. temperature of 38 or higher specified).
- Redefined direct contacts as "high risk with PPE" and "high risk with no PPE" and clarified that contact with a case, infected body fluids, or a deceased case is required to be in this category; and only these two categories would be required to self-monitor.
- References to Liberia have been removed now that it has been declared ebola-free.
- Included in several places that a clinical assessment and monitoring by an ID or microbiology physician would be done prior to a person self-monitoring being declared a suspected case.

The Ministry of Health is no longer managing ebola readiness activities as an incident management team, however, international surveillance, enhanced border response, communications, and deployment coordination are continuing. The Ministry continues to undertake these activities and work with health and other sectors on readiness through an Ebola Project Team.

As of midnight Sunday 31 May 2015, border screening since 10 August 2014 has identified one hundred and thirty-nine (139) total passengers arriving in New Zealand who had been in an affected country within the previous thirty days.

Please don't hesitate to email ebolareadiness@moh.govt.nz if you have any feedback or queries regarding these documents. The guidance documents will only be reviewed and re-circulated if necessary, with significant changes to the international situation or advice.