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## **Ebola Virus Disease Preparedness Statement**

The Department of Veterans Affairs is part of a strong nation-wide public health system which includes federal partners such as the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), along with many state and local medical and health professionals.

VA has been coordinating closely with our federal and local partners in recent weeks to be prepared in the unlikely event that any individual presents at any of our facilities with symptoms that could indicate a diagnosis of Ebola Virus Disease. VA is prepared to follow the procedures and guidance put into place by the CDC. VA is prepared to give Veterans the best care possible and protect health care workers' safety. The Veterans Health Administration's (VHA) Offices of Public Health and Clinical Operations has established an Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) working group charged with continuous monitoring of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance related to EVD to ensure that all direct patient care employees who would be involved in any aspect of patient care or support at VA medical facilities have training, and information, and Personal Protective Equipment they need to enable them to both recognize and know how to handle a potential case of EVD. In addition, the VHA Ebola Virus Working Group is providing educational materials for all staff and Veterans.

To learn more about the spread and prevention of Ebola, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/pdf/what-need-to-know-ebola.pdf>.

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