



Health Advisory: Ebola: Revised CDC PPE Guidance (#1389795)

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Action Steps:

Local and tribal health departments: Please forward to hospitals, clinics, urgent care centers, and convenience clinics in your jurisdiction.

Hospitals and clinics: Please distribute to all healthcare professionals.

Healthcare providers: Follow new CDC protocol for use of personal protective equipment when managing patients with Ebola Virus Disease (EVD)

The CDC has issued new guidance on the personal protective equipment (PPE) to be used by healthcare workers when managing patients with Ebola Virus Disease in U.S. hospitals. The new guidance emphasizes these key principles:

- All healthcare workers undergo rigorous training and are practiced and competent with PPE, including taking it on and off in a systemic manner
- No skin exposure when PPE is worn
- All workers are supervised by a trained monitor who watches each worker taking PPE on and off.

Consult the following resources from the CDC:

- CDC Fact Sheet: Tightened Guidance for U.S. Healthcare Workers on Personal Protective Equipment for Ebola (<http://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2014/fs1020-ebola-personal-protective-equipment.html>)
- CDC PPE Guidance for Management of Patients with Ebola Virus Disease in U.S. Hospitals (<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/procedures-for-ppe.html>)

Additional resources available from MDH include:

- MDH Algorithm for Assessing Travelers Returning to the Workplace (or School/Childcare) From Areas Affected by Ebola (<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/diseases/vhf/travelworkreturn.pdf>)
- MDH Poster for clinics and Emergency Departments (<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/diseases/vhf/ebolaadvisory.pdf>)

For more information, consult the CDC Ebola Virus Disease website (<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/index.html>) or call the Minnesota Department of Health at 651-201-5569 or 1-877-676-5414.