Tennessee Plans

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Tennessee State Government Plans

- Tennessee Department of Health Concept of Operations Plan (CONOP): Ebola Virus

- Tennessee Department of Health CONOP Appendices: Ebola Virus

Tennessee Department of Health Concept of Operations Plan (CONOP): Ebola Virus

Assumptions

- Horizontal and vertical partnerships
- Specialized national bio-containment facilities unavailable
- Healthcare network system planning
- Identify persons presenting with travel/exposure history
- Suspect or confirmed EVD patients will access healthcare
- Healthcare worker at entry point training
- Direct active monitoring
- Facilities able to provide care for 72 hours
- State of emergency declaration

Organization and Responsibilities

- TDH Central office roles
  - SHOC
  - Public information
  - Database development
  - Clinical consultation
  - Lead multi-regional outbreaks
  - CDC reporting/assistance
  - Legal issues
- TDH Regional and local health department roles
  - Surveillance
  - Contact tracing, identification, and health monitoring
  - Technical assistance to healthcare community
  - Implement legal authorities
  - Outbreak support to hospitals

Concept of Operations

- **Preparedness**
  - Healthcare coordination
    - PPE
    - Fatality management
    - Waste management
    - Joint information center (JIC)
  - Housing
  - Epidemiology
  - Community health services
  - Laboratory services

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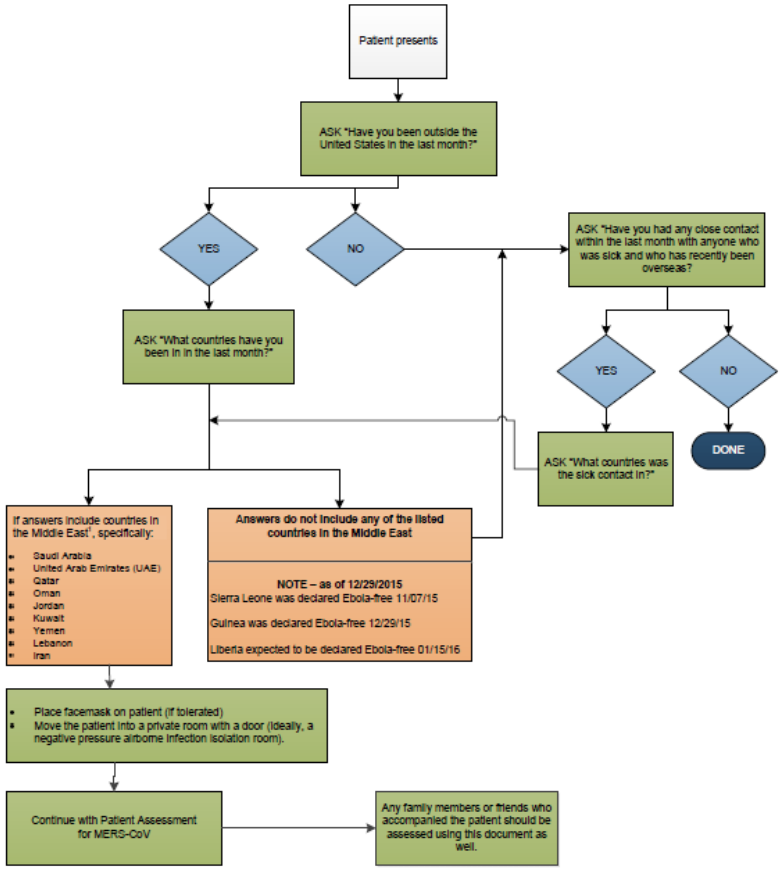

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Emergency Department Patient Assessment for Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS)

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- Place facemask on patient (if tolerated) and move the patient into a private room with a door (ideally, a negative pressure airborne infection isolation room).
- Consider continuing the interview from outside the room (through cracked door/telephone/intercom/video-chat) to obtain details of travel and symptoms.

- Keep patient in isolation.
- If entering room, staff should wear gowns, gloves, face shield, and an N-95 or higher respirator.
- Ask the patient "Are or were you having a fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other respiratory symptoms?"

YES → **Screen for MERS Coronavirus (MERS-CoV) Infection[1]**

- **Obtain onset dates of symptoms.**
- **Obtain travel details:** include countries visited and exact dates of arrival/departure. Use travel documents (passport, itinerary, boarding passes) if available
- **Obtain exposure details:** Ask the patient about any known exposure to healthcare (e.g., healthcare worker, visit or admission to clinics, hospitals, emergency departments) or exposure to camels, camel milk, or camel meat.
- **For the diagnosis of MERS-CoV infection to be considered, person must have been in MERS-CoV affected country[2] or had contact with MERS patient within 14 days of symptom onset[1]**

NO → DONE

Contact Infection Control & Public Health[3], and request an ID consult if patient was in MERS -CoV affected country or had contact with MERS patient within 14 days of symptom onset[1]

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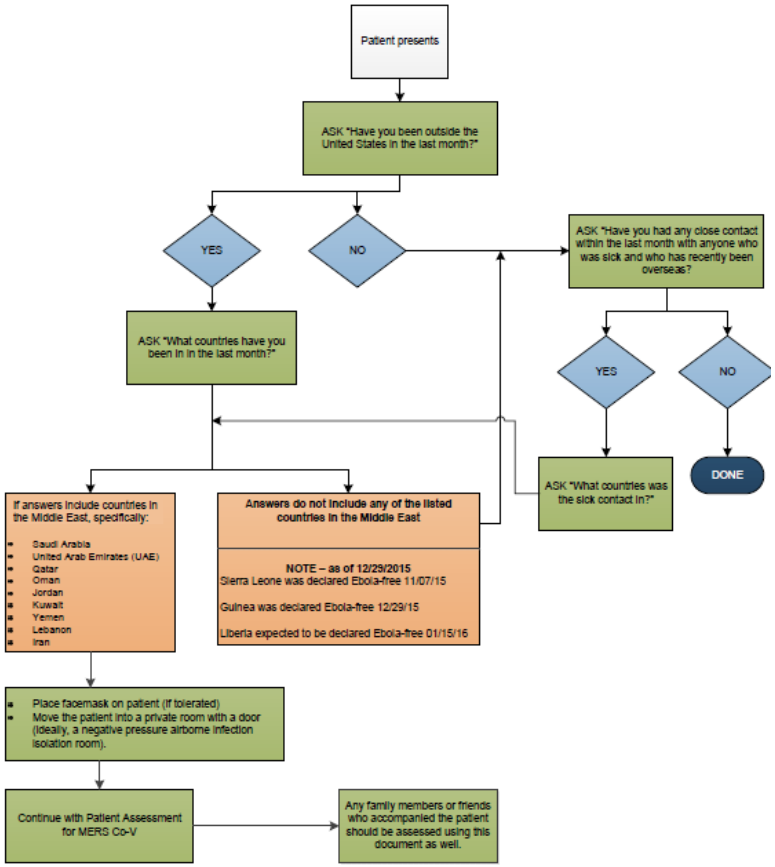

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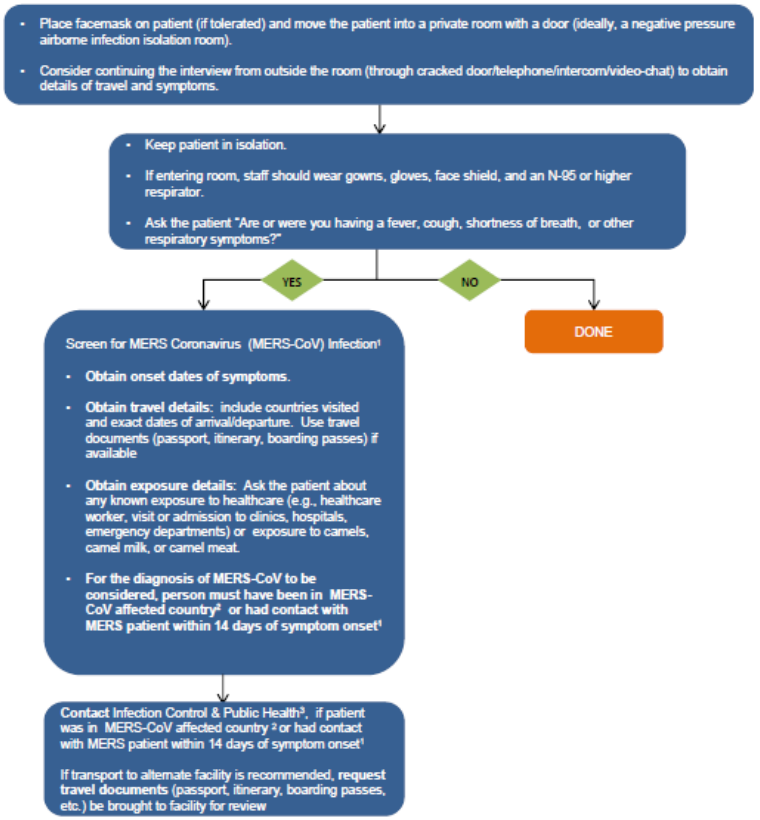

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Concept of Operations

- **Identification and assessment**
  - At-risk identification
  - Case investigation
  - At risk monitoring
- **Go to the Ebola Hospital (GoEH) Mission**
- **Assessment hospitals**
  - Keep patients up to ~72 hours
  - Point of care laboratory testing
- **Containment Measures and Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions**
  - Controlled movement
  - Isolation
  - Quarantine

Concept of Operations

- **Legal authority**
  - Authority to write and enforce new rules and regulations
    - Tennessee Code Annotated (TCA) 68-1-201 (2)
  - Authority to control a communicable disease
    - TCA 68-5-104 (a)(1)
  - Duty of health professions to report potential health threats
    - TCA 1200-14-4-.03

- **Response Activities**
  - Public notification process
  - Deployment of resources

Tennessee Department of Health CONOP Appendices:

Ebola Virus

Plan Objectives

- **Preparedness:** Identify areas of potential vulnerability to reduce possibility of transmission
- **Notification:** Coordinate public health activities upon immediate identification EVD
- **Activation:** Establish support resources from state and partner agencies
- **Response:** Provide swift and appropriate action to minimize unnecessary disruptions and respect human dignity
- **Recovery:** Transition to pre-incident conditions

Thank you!