To: Buncombe County Medical Providers  
From: Dr. Jennifer Mullendore, Medical Director  
Date: Tuesday, November 25, 2014  
RE: Health alert from the Buncombe County Department of Health  

Ebola guidance for non-hospital settings and provider update

Please see the attached documents providing updated guidance to North Carolina health care providers as well as non-hospital healthcare facilities regarding assessment for Ebola virus disease (EVD) and management of suspected cases.

- The guidance here is not intended to replace specific plans or policies that may be in place for your facility or healthcare network.
- These recommendations are likely to change as new information becomes available. Updates will be available at http://www.ncdhhs.gov/ebola.

The updates (highlighted on the attachments) include a change in travel screening to reflect those countries designated by the CDC as posing a risk of Ebola exposure (Mali has been added to the list of countries) and updated information about infection control. I’ve also attached the updated algorithm for the evaluation of ill persons who report recent travel.

If you suspect someone of having Ebola or encounter a person with travel to a country designated by the CDC as posing a risk of Ebola exposure, contact your local health department (828-250-5109 for Buncombe County; available 24/7) or the state Communicable Disease Branch (919-733-3419; available 24/7).

As always, if you have any questions or concerns related to this or any other communicable disease, please contact your local health department (250-5109 for Buncombe County Disease Control; available 24/7).

Thanks,

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"Health care is vital to all of us some of the time, but public health is vital to all of us all of the time." -- Dr. C. Everett Koop, former US Surgeon General

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