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Dear Colleagues,

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has released a health advisory regarding both a travel-associated case of Ebola virus infection in a patient who had traveled from Liberia to Nigeria and two healthcare-associated Ebola virus infections in U.S. healthcare workers in Liberia.

There have been no Ebola cases in the U.S. to date and, while the possibility of infected persons entering the U.S. remains low, the CDC advises that healthcare providers in the U.S. should consider Ebola virus in the differential diagnosis of febrile illness, with compatible symptoms, in any person with recent (within 21 days) travel history in the affected countries and consider isolation of those patients meeting these criteria, pending diagnostic testing.

Maryland clinicians who suspect Ebola virus in a traveler should contact their local public health department immediately.

Please see the attached health advisory from the CDC, as well as the links below for additional information:

<http://www.cdc.gov/ebola>

Interim Guidance on EVD for healthcare workers can be found at: <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/abroad/healthcare-workers.html>

Travel notices for each country can be found at:

Guinea: <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/alert/ebola-guinea>

Liberia: <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/alert/ebola-liberia>

Sierra Leone: <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/alert/ebola-sierra-leone>

Thank you for your attention to this important public health issue.

Sincerely,

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