

Summary of NYSDOH Commissioner’s Order, Issued 10/27/14, in the Matter of the Prevention and Control of Ebola Virus Disease Statewide  
and via JFK International Airport  
(For use by Local Health Departments outside of NYC)

Risk Group	Definition	Required LHD Actions
<p><b>Higher risk exposure</b></p> <p><b>Note that higher risk and lower risk exposures are both deemed Direct Contact. Accordingly, the “Required LHD Actions” in the rightmost column are the same for these two Risk Groups.</b></p>	<p>Includes, but is not limited to, the following experienced by a person while in a country where there exists widespread transmission of EVD (including Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Physical contact with, or exposure to blood or body fluids of, a person with EVD, or a person with a fever and a second symptom of EVD, or with a dead body, regardless of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) used. This includes but is not limited to any person who performed direct medical or nursing care to persons with EVD in such countries;</li> <li>2. Percutaneous (e.g., needle stick) or mucous membrane exposure to blood or body fluids of a person with EVD, or of a person with a fever and a second symptom of EVD;</li> <li>3. Processing blood or body fluids of a person with EVD, or a person with a fever and a second symptom of EVD, without appropriate PPE or standard biosafety precautions; and</li> <li>4. Living in the same household as a person with EVD while such person has EVD symptoms.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Issue a Quarantine Order for 21 days from the date of the person’s last direct contact, consistent with due process of law. If the person resides within the Public Health Officer’s jurisdiction, to the extent appropriate, preference should be given to quarantining the individual in his or her residence. Transportation from JFK to the person’s residence by the NYSDOH.</li> <li>2. At a minimum, and in coordination with NYSDOH, actively monitor such person’s health status and compliance with the Quarantine Order by unannounced visits to the location where the person is quarantined at least twice daily, for 21 days from the date of the person’s last direct contact (the “quarantine period”), while such person remains in the jurisdiction. Monitoring of health status shall include but not be limited to obtaining the person’s temperature during each visit.</li> <li>3. With NYSDOH approval, the Public Health Officer may approve the relocation of such a person to another jurisdiction, subject to: (i) the issuance of a Quarantine Order for any days remaining in the quarantine period if the person remains in NYS; (ii) an appropriate plan for transport by private conveyance (transportation will be provided by the NYSDOH); and (iii) coordination with state and local health officials in the receiving jurisdiction (NYSDOH approved travel plan).</li> <li>4. Not refuse to accept any person traveling to the Public Health Officer’s jurisdiction pursuant to any travel plan approved by NYSDOH.</li> </ol>

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<p><b>Lower risk exposure</b></p> <p><b>Note that higher risk and lower risk exposures are both deemed Direct Contact. Accordingly, the “Required LHD Actions” in the rightmost column are the same for these two Risk Groups.</b></p>	<p>Includes, but is not limited to, the following experienced by a person while in a country where there exists widespread transmission of EVD (including Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Coming within 3 feet of a person with EVD while not wearing appropriate PPE; and</li> <li>2. Being in a room or other enclosed location with a person with EVD for a prolonged period of time while not wearing appropriate PPE as determined by the facts and circumstances of that particular case.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Issue a Quarantine Order for 21 days from the date of the person’s last direct contact, consistent with due process of law. If the person resides within the Public Health Officer’s jurisdiction, to the extent appropriate, preference should be given to quarantining the individual in his or her residence. Transportation from JFK to the person’s residence by the NYSDOH.</li> <li>2. At a minimum, and in coordination with NYSDOH, actively monitor such person’s health status and compliance with the Quarantine Order by unannounced visits to the location where the person is quarantined at least twice daily, for 21 days from the date of the person’s last direct contact (the “quarantine period”), while such person remains in the jurisdiction. Monitoring of health status shall include but not be limited to obtaining the person’s temperature during each visit.</li> <li>3. With NYSDOH approval, the Public Health Officer may approve the relocation of such a person to another jurisdiction, subject to: (i) the issuance of a Quarantine Order for any days remaining in the quarantine period if the person remains in NYS; (ii) an appropriate plan for transport by private conveyance (transportation will be provided by the NYSDOH); and (iii) coordination with state and local health officials in the receiving jurisdiction (NYSDOH approved travel plan).</li> <li>4. Not refuse to accept any person traveling to the Public Health Officer’s jurisdiction pursuant to any travel plan approved by NYSDOH.</li> </ol>

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<p><b>No direct contact:</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Arriving from a country where there exists widespread transmission of EVD (including Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone), but with no reported “direct contact”, as defined above.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Such persons will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis but will not automatically be subject to a quarantine period.</li> <li>2. At a minimum, and in coordination with NYSDOH, monitor such person’s health status twice daily, including but not limited to temperature, for 21 days from the date of departure from a country where there exists widespread transmission of EVD (including Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone), while such person remains in the Public Health Officer’s jurisdiction. Monitoring of health status can be conducted remotely.</li> <li>3. If the facts and circumstances of the particular situation warrant, issue a Quarantine Order, consistent with due process of law.</li> <li>4. Not refuse to accept any person traveling to the Public Health Officer’s jurisdiction pursuant to any travel plan approved by NYSDOH.</li> </ol>