



Dear Hospital Administrator

Today, in response to the recent events in Ohio surrounding the Ebola virus in United States, we are asking every hospital to take certain specific actions to ensure we are fully prepared to respond should we have a case present in Ohio.

First, we are asking you to review and ensure your staff are familiar with the CDC guidance on Personal Protective Equipment, the CDC Preparedness Checklist and the new ODH screening guidance. Second, we are requesting you survey your available stock of Personal Protective Equipment to ensure you have adequate capacity to protect your staff. Finally, in response to the concerns of health care professionals, particularly in light of the two health care workers who have been infected with the virus, we are asking every hospital in the state of Ohio to conduct a preparedness drill. Our desire is that it will identify how to properly receive, isolate and implement proper infection control practices for a potential Ebola patient. In addition, we're requesting all potentially impacted health care workers practice how to properly put on and take off protective wear.

More information on these requests is in the enclosed packet. Together, I am confident that we will continue to keep Ohioans safe.

Sincerely,

Richard Hodges
Director
Ohio Department of Health