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SUBJECT: Board Information Letter: Ebola Preparedness, Update #3

The Health Care Agency (HCA) is providing the following information to keep your Honorable Board updated on evolving and relevant national and local preparedness activities in response to the 2014 West African Ebola outbreak. Please refer to previous letters for additional background information. This is provided for informational purposes; there are no suspect or confirmed cases in Orange County.

Today, the University of California, Office of the President (UCOP), and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) announced that all five UC Medical Centers are positioned to provide in-patient care for Californians who are confirmed as an Ebola case. The five medical centers are located in Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Francisco.

UCOP indicated that it is their intent that only health care workers who are members of a core designated group or who volunteer to do so will provide care to confirmed Ebola patients. CDPH will ensure that the UC Medical Centers have the most up-to-date information on how to treat and care for Ebola patients, should cases appear in California.

CDPH is working with Cal/OSHA to provide updated, specific guidelines on the protective equipment, training, and other measures that must be in place to protect workers' safety and health, and CDPH will work with the five identified medical centers to obtain the necessary personal protective equipment (PPE), should the hospitals have sourcing challenges. CDPH also will work with these medical centers to ensure that medical waste generated from the treatment of an Ebola patient is properly handled and disposed.

All hospitals throughout the state are expected to screen, identify, and isolate any patients with Ebola risk and HCA has been working closely with all Orange County hospitals, including UCI Medical Center, to prepare for an Ebola case. In the event of a

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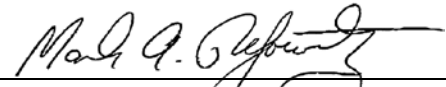
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suspect case at any Orange County hospital, HCA medical staff will immediately be onsite to assess the medical situation, arrange for testing, and in coordination with CDPH and CDC, will discuss potential transfer of the patient to a more appropriate medical facility, such as UCI Medical Center. HCA will update the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system regarding the availability of UCI Medical Center to treat a confirmed case of Ebola.

Current information regarding Ebola and our preparedness efforts can be found on the HCA website at www.ocalthinfo.com/ebola. Additionally the California Department of Health has established an Ebola hotline call center to respond to public inquiries. The hotline, 1-855-421-5921 will be in operation from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Please feel free to contact Eric Handler, MD, MPH, Orange County Health Officer, at (714) 834-3155, or David M. Souleles, MPH, Deputy Agency Director, Public Health Services, at (714) 834-3882 if you have any questions.



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