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SUBJECT: Board Information Letter: Ebola Preparedness, Update #6

The Health Care Agency (HCA) is providing the following information to keep your Honorable Board updated on evolving and relevant local and national 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 is no suspect or confirmed cases in Orange County.

In response to questions we have received about yesterday's statewide quarantine order, we are providing additional detail about how the local Health Officer's Order of Quarantine is carried out in compliance with the statewide order. (See attached.) As a reminder the state's order is for a 21-day risk-based quarantine of all individuals who have traveled to California from an Ebola affected area (i.e. Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone) *and* have had contact with someone who has a confirmed case of Ebola.

There is no significant change in HCA's protocol for issuing a quarantine order. Orange County had a preexisting plan in place to issue either an Order of Examination or an Order of Quarantine to *all* monitored individuals who have traveled to California from an Ebola affected area (i.e. Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone).

- An Order of Examination requires individuals to comply with our daily monitoring of their health without restrictions in movement. We will continue to issue an Order of Examination to low risk travelers that have had no contact to an infectious patient.
- An Order of Quarantine includes any type of additional restriction on their movement. Consistent with the statewide directive to quarantine *those with contact* to an Ebola case, Orange County will issue an Order of Quarantine to all individuals that fall into the CDC's risk classification of having "some" or high" risk. These are most commonly returning health care workers falling into the "some" risk category because they had contact with patients while wearing proper personal protective equipment.

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The local Health Officer Quarantine Order (as well as a copy of the State's order) will be provided at the initial assessment visit by Public Health Epidemiology (Epi), which occurs during the first 24 hours of the travelers known arrival in the county. For informational purposes, we have attached a sample of our current Quarantine Order template, which is subject to change with new information or guidance. The Order allows for restrictions to be tailored to each situation and the level of restriction is determined by the level of risk assessed. As examples, a quarantine order may prohibit use of public transportation or prohibit any visitors to the quarantined location. Orders may be modified by the Health Officer as needed.

Individuals served with an order are informed of the legal basis of the order and the possible consequences of violating the order which include fines and/or imprisonment. Should an individual be non-complaint (or a high risk for non-compliance), HCA has arranged for support from the Orange County Sheriff's Department to assist with enforcement.

For more local information on Ebola, please go to www.ochealthinfo.com/Ebola. Please contact Eric Handler, MD, MPH, Orange County Health Officer, at (714) 834-3155, or David M. Soules, MPH, Deputy Agency Director, Public Health Services, at (714) 834-3882 with any questions.



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