

ASPR TRACIE Technical Assistance Request

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Request:

The requestor asked if ASPR TRACIE had sample policies and protocols for monitoring healthcare workers during an outbreak, in particular Ebola Virus Disease (EVD).

Response:

The ASPR TRACIE Team reviewed the ASPR TRACIE [VHF/Ebola Topic Collection](#). More specifically, policies and protocols can be found in the [Plans, Tools, and Templates](#) section of this Topic Collection. A list of comprehensively developed Topic Collections can be found here: <https://asprtracie.hhs.gov/technical-resources/topic-collection>. In addition, the ASPR TRACIE Team conducted a search online for other relevant materials.

Materials gathered that include information on monitoring healthcare workers during an outbreak can be found below.

I. Ebola Response Plans that Address Monitoring of Healthcare Workers during an Outbreak

Association of Occupational Health Professionals in Healthcare. (2014). [Ebola Procedures EHS1](#).

This resource provides a sample Ebola-specific employee health exposure questionnaire that can be utilized for screening and ongoing monitoring of healthcare workers treating Ebola patients.

Bellevue Hospital Center. (n.d.). [Ebola Virus Disease Incident Response Guide](#). (Accessed 6/14/2018.)

This guide includes protocols developed by Bellevue (NY) Hospital Center for managing a suspected or confirmed Ebola Virus Disease patient. **NOTE:** Page 28 includes specifics for monitoring healthcare workers.

Emory Healthcare. (2014). [Emory Healthcare Preparedness Ebola Protocols](#).

This document was developed to standardize the risk assessment, triage, transportation, and management of patients with possible/confirmed Ebola Virus Disease (EVD). The

template includes a risk assessment tool, specimen management guidance, laboratory protocols for high risk testing, and appendices with specific response protocol templates. **NOTE:** Specific protocols for monitoring healthcare workers can be found on pages 31-32.

Greater New York Hospital Association. (2015). [Ebola Preparedness Checklist](#).

This document combines 11 checklists developed by the Greater New York Hospital Association to enhance Ebola response preparedness for New York hospitals. The checklists were designed to meet regulatory compliance standards issued by the New York State Department of Health. **NOTE:** Checklist 3 provides key steps for monitoring healthcare workers.

Kansas Department of Health and Environment. (2017). [Ebola Virus Preparedness and Response Plan](#).

This attachment to the Biological Incident Annex of the Kansas Response Plan updates the department's original standalone Ebola plan. The plan describes the State's concept of operations and includes nine appendices detailing specific response actions. **NOTE:** Pages 21-22 address monitoring of healthcare workers who are potentially exposed to Ebola.

Maine Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2016). [Ebola Response Plan](#).

The plan was developed by the Maine Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Public Health Emergency Preparedness staff, in a collaborative with other Maine CDC subject matter experts. It addresses the systems and processes for public health, healthcare, and other emergency responders with the capability to detect and respond to a suspected/confirmed case of Ebola Virus Disease. In addition, these systems and processes are transferable to any Viral Hemorrhagic Fever (VHF) disease. **NOTE:** Specific information for healthcare worker monitoring for Low, Medium, and High Risk exposures can be found on pages 28-36.

National Ebola Training and Education Center. (2017). [Occupational Health: Monitoring Healthcare Workers Caring for Patients with EVD](#).

This PowerPoint presentation provides an overview of occupational health monitoring programs as it pertains to monitoring healthcare workers caring for a patient with EVD. It addresses the various models used at different health systems, guidance for staff returning from West African travel, information on managing exposures to EVD, and information on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Exposure Risk Categories. **NOTE:** Instructions for staff monitoring can be found on slides 10-14.

NYC Health + Hospitals. (2016). [Ebola Concept of Operations \(CONOPS\)](#).

This document provides a strategic, high level overview of the healthcare facility tiered approach to safely and effectively manage and respond to persons/patients with suspected or confirmed EVD. It addresses the operational processes for managing an EVD event

and related issues. **NOTE:** Information regarding healthcare worker monitoring is addressed on pages 57-62.

University of Toledo Medical Center. (2017). [Infectious Disease Agent \(IDA\) and Max Surge Plan](#).

This document provides guidelines for the University of Toledo Medical Center staff with regards to response operations and protocols for a surge of infectious disease patients. **NOTE:** Pages 30-33 addresses monitoring staff potentially exposed to EVD.