Ebola Protocol
Bradley University

Initial Triage – to be asked of all students contacting Health Services or faculty/staff who call to voluntarily report travel

1. Have you traveled internationally in the last 21 days?
2. Have you traveled to Liberia, Sierra Leone, or Guinea in that time?
3. Do you have a fever (>100.4), headaches, muscle pain, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, or unexplained bleeding?

Response to Triage

- If patient answers yes to questions 1 and 2, but no to 3:
  - Patient will be asked to come to Health Services and upon arrival be given a mask and placed in room 6.
  - Nurse will wear appropriate PPE per CDC guidelines (currently mask, gown, and gloves) and take temperature, again review other symptoms, and review possible contact with someone infected with Ebola. If patient does not have a fever and has no history of contact with Ebola patient, patient will be asked to voluntarily quarantine themselves (see quarantine section below).
  - If patient does not have a fever, but does have history of contact with Ebola patient, health department will be notified for further instructions and patient will be placed in quarantine.

- If patient answers yes to all three questions:
  - Patient will be asked to come to Health Services and upon arrival be given a mask and placed in room 6.
  - Nurse will wear appropriate PPE per CDC guidelines (currently mask, gown and gloves) and take temperature, again review other symptoms, and review possible contact with someone infected with Ebola. EMS will be notified to transport the patient to OSF.
  - OSF will be notified of potential Ebola case to activate their response team.
  - Peoria County Health Department will be notified of potential Ebola case.
  - Vice President of Student Affairs will be notified of potential Ebola case.

Quarantine

- Director of Residential Living and Vice President of Student Affairs will be notified that student/faculty/staff is being quarantined.
- Faculty/staff will be asked to quarantine at home and Health Department will be notified. Health Department will be responsible for monitoring.
- If student’s permanent home is in Illinois, patient will be asked to quarantine at home.
- If student’s permanent address is outside of Illinois or their permanent home is Bradley, student will be asked to move to Lovelace Hall for a period of 21 days since their return from Liberia, Sierra Leone, or Guinea.
- Student’s professors will be notified the student will not be in class and arrangements will be made for them to receive lecture notes, assignments, and tests.
- Student will be brought meals that will be placed in hallway outside their room.
- Student will be contacted at least once a day by Student Affairs staff to see if patient needs any supplies.
- Student will be contacted twice a day by Health Services to report a temperature as well as review other signs and symptoms of Ebola. If patient reports a temperature of 100.4 or greater or other signs and symptoms of Ebola:
  - EMS will be notified to transfer the patient to OSF
  - OSF will be notified of potential Ebola case to activate their response team
  - Health Department will be notified of potential case
  - Vice President of Student Affairs will be notified of potential Ebola case

If we have a student/faculty/staff member that is infected with Ebola, the campus community will be notified by the Vice President of Student Affairs.

If we have a student/faculty/staff member that is infected with Ebola the Health Department will take over the case management in order to trace any other points of contact and/or any other possibly infected individuals.
Bradley University Students, Faculty, and Staff:

Bradley University Health Services has been monitoring the Ebola outbreaks in West Africa and now the isolated cases in the United States. Information is being updated daily on the CDC website and the potential risks outside of West Africa remain very low. We are committed to keeping the Bradley University community healthy, protected, and informed about concerns regarding Ebola.

To be at risk for Ebola, a person must have come in direct contact with an individual who is actively sick with the disease. The disease is spread by bodily fluid transfer, not respiratory droplets. Currently there are three countries experiencing severe outbreaks of this disease in West Africa: Sierra Leone, Guinea, and Liberia.

All patients either presenting to or calling Health Services with non-specific symptoms including fever are asked about recent travel to the three West African or about contact with a person infected with Ebola within the last 21 days. Any patient with potential exposure and fever and/or other symptoms consistent with Ebola will be isolated or transferred to a hospital for further evaluation of Ebola. An individual is not infectious to others until they show symptoms of Ebola.

Symptoms of Ebola appear 2-21 days after exposure, with an average of 8-10 days, and can include:

- Fever
- Severe headache
- Muscle pain
- Weakness
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Abdominal (stomach) pain
- Unexplained bleeding or bruising

We are also currently working to identify students, faculty, or staff that may be at an increased risk of coming into contact with this disease. Any member of the Bradley community who is planning to travel to Sierra Leone, Guinea, or Liberia over the upcoming breaks are asked to contact Health Services at 309-677-2700 to receive further information and instruction on ways to keep themselves healthy and protected during their travels. Additionally, you will be guided as to what is expected upon your return to the United States.

Bradley University Health Services is actively involved with the Peoria Health Department and the community’s significant healthcare providers to ensure our approach is consistent and effective in assessment, isolation, transfer and evaluation of suspected Ebola patients. The University Ebola protocol is available at http://www.bradley.edu/offices/student/affairs/.

Sincerely,
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