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McLennan County Infectious Disease Response Planning

(October 23, 2014) The Waco-McLennan County Public Health District is working to coordinate the Ebola response effort in McLennan County. This response effort includes local governments, emergency management, first responder agencies, healthcare providers, schools, colleges and universities. Together, we are working to ensure the safety of our community, the safety of those that care for someone with Ebola, and the safe care of someone with Ebola.

Waco-McLennan County Public Health District Response

The Health District plans for and deals with all types of infectious diseases on a daily basis. However, soon after the identification of the index case in Dallas, the Waco-McLennan County Public Health District (WMCPhD) and the McLennan County Health Authority started planning specifically for an Ebola response in McLennan County. The Health District has been in communication with the hospitals, healthcare providers, EMS and first responders in McLennan County, as well as with Emergency Management to discuss various crucial components of planning and response. Meetings are held to discuss local response plans of the various disciplines needed to manage such a response to ensure concerns are addressed. The Health District's staff has been receiving updates on the State and National response by attending Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) conference calls. The latest information is shared with over 100 health care contacts in McLennan County.

It is the responsibility of each agency to develop response plans and to ensure appropriate training of staff on such plans. However, plans are coordinated among entities to ensure a concerted community response.

Because the symptoms of Ebola can be similar to other diseases, identifying a possible case of Ebola is crucial to the response. To be considered a possible case the patient must have the following risk factors and symptoms:

- Travel to West Africa within the past 21 days,
- Contact with the blood or bodily fluids of someone with Ebola **or**
- Contact with infected animals from West Africa **and**
- Symptoms (fever, nausea, diarrhea, vomiting stomach pain or unexplained bleeding or bruising).

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