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PRESS RELEASE

Steele Memorial Medical Center Following CDC Guidelines in the Unlikely Case of an Ebola Patient

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are urging hospitals to prepare for the unlikely event of having to treat a patient with Ebola Virus Disease (EVD), and the providers and staff at Steele Memorial Medical Center (SMMC) are taking the recommendation seriously.

The CDC has said only those individuals who have traveled to Liberia, Sierra Leone or Guinea in the past 21 days or those who have had close contact with a confirmed Ebola case should be concerned about contracting the disease.

“It’s important to remember that the likelihood of Ebola in our community is very, very low,” said Joel Cannon, SMMC’s Infection Control Officer. “Nonetheless, we have state-mandated infection control and isolation procedures and supplies in place, and are carefully following CDC guidelines and staying abreast of updates. We’re educating our clinical teams, and even engaging in drills so we are prepared to protect our patients, our employees and the community.”

SMMC urges anyone with questions or concerns to contact their primary care provider or the Eastern Idaho Public Health District @ 1-208-533-3152.