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TO: ORANGE COUNTY EMS BASE HOSPITALS
    ORANGE COUNTY EMS ALS PROVIDERS
    ORANGE COUNTY AMBULANCE PROVIDERS

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SUBJECT: EMS RELATED EBOLA UPDATE # 3

Orange County Emergency Medical Services (OCEMS) is authorizing medical dispatch call screening for potential Ebola victims. 9-1-1 EMS dispatch centers and OCEMS licensed ambulance dispatch centers are to incorporate, at a minimum, the following medical call screening:

1. Caller or patient reports FEVER
2. YES
   - Caller or patient reports travel in the past three weeks to the African countries of LIBERIA, SIERRA LEON, or GUINEA
   - YES
     - Notify responding units that use of personal protective equipment (PPE) is advised and to assess for possible Ebola risk
Dispatchers must document a positive travel history to any of the three African nations listed above for any call received with a complaint of fever. Calls for which there is a fever and positive travel history to Liberia, Sierra Leon, or Guinea should be reported to OCEMS at (714) 415-8980.

When patients with fever and positive travel history from an Ebola country are being transported, the receiving facility must be notified prior to arrival of the possibility of an Ebola infected patient.

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