HENDERSON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH (HCDPH)
RISK ASSESSMENT TO IDENTIFY EBOLA ILLNESS

NAME: ___________________________________________________________ DOB: __________

ADDRESS: ______________________________________________________________________________________________________

PHONE: __________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Instructions: If a client calls or checks in to your office with fever and travel within 21 days from Africa or contact to Ebola, ask the following questions to determine risk for Ebola illness.

1. Travel History
   In the past 21 days, have you been to any of the following countries/areas?
   □ Guinea
   □ Sierra Leone
   □ Liberia
   □ Nigeria (Lagos and Post Harcourt)
   □ Democratic Republic of Congo (Equateur Province)

2. Contact History
   □ Have you been in contact with anyone who has traveled to these areas?
   □ Have you been in contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with Ebola?

3. Symptom History (mark all symptoms present):
   □ Have you had a fever of 100.4°F or greater or felt feverish (had chills or sweats)?
   □ Have you had a severe headache?
   □ Do you have muscle pain?
   □ Do you have diarrhea?
   □ Have you been vomiting?
   □ Do you have weakness?
   □ Do you have a pain in the abdomen?
   □ Have you had bleeding anywhere?
   □ No, none of the above.

At Risk Screen: Notify the HCDPH nurse at 828-694-6019 if a patient has travel or contact with Ebola infection but no symptoms. Recommend that the patient watch for symptoms for 21 days after travel or contact. If symptoms develop, call the NC Ebola hot line at 1-800-222-1222 for further instructions.

Positive Screen: Patient has travel and/or contact with Ebola infection and is symptomatic.

- If the client is at home, refer them to the NC Ebola hot line at 1-800-222-1222 for further instructions.
- If the client is in your office: Ebola virus is extremely contagious through contact with blood or bodily fluids.
  - Immediately isolate the patient in a private room with door shut.
  - Avoid direct physical contact with the client.
  - Call 9-1-1 and notify the call center that you have a patient with possible Ebola infection.
  - Notify the HCDPH CD nurse at 828-694-6019 or 828-691-1309.
  - Do not draw labs or touch bodily fluids. Laboratory specimens should only be drawn and prepared in a lab setting that is prepared to follow required precautions.
• **If the client refuses an ambulance:** Advise them to avoid contact with others (such as public transportation) and obtain a phone number and address in order for a public health worker to contact them.

• **If direct contact occurs,** either to administer emergency care of the client or incidentally, notify the HCDPH CD nurse. Follow CDC recommendations for PPE including type of equipment and donning and doffing steps.

• **After the client leaves,** seal off the room for disinfection. Contact HCDPH CD nurse for guidance on waste disposal and follow CDC guidance on disinfection.

• **Complete the following** information about any contacts to the patient with possible Ebola that occurred in your office and give this information to the HCDPH Communicable Disease nurse.

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For more information, go to [www.hendersoncountync.org/health](http://www.hendersoncountync.org/health) and link to Ebola webpage, and then link to the resources for Healthcare Providers.