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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 28, 2014

TO: Law Enforcement, EMS and First Responders

FROM: HPN Network Administrator

SUBJECT: Reporting Suspect Ebola Related Incidents

DHEC is continuing to assure we are prepared to handle the emerging public health issue of Ebola. First Responders and EMS workers may encounter incidents that present the potential for Ebola exposure. This memo serves to provide the contact numbers for the DHEC staff that will assist in responding to incidents involving the potential for Ebola exposure.

If you respond to an incident where an Ebola risk may be present, meaning the individual traveled in the last 21 days to an Ebola affected area (currently primary areas of concern are the West African nations of Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea) , notify the DHEC Regional Public Health Epi staff at the number below for the county where the incident occurred. The DHEC Epi response staff will conduct a risk assessment to determine what, if any, actions are necessary for disease containment or monitoring.

LOW COUNTRY PUBLIC HEALTH REGION COUNTIES

Allendale, Bamberg, Beaufort, Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Hampton, Jasper, Orangeburg
(843) 441-1091

MIDLANDS PUBLIC HEALTH REGION COUNTIES

Aiken, Barnwell, Chester, Edgefield, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lancaster, Lexington, Newberry, Richland, Saluda, York
(888) 801-1046

PEE DEE PUBLIC HEALTH REGION COUNTIES

Chesterfield, Clarendon, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Lee, Marion, Marlboro, Sumter, Williamsburg
(843) 915-8845

UPSTATE PUBLIC HEALTH REGION COUNTIES

Abbeville, Anderson, Cherokee, Greenville, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, Oconee, Pickens, Spartanburg, Union
(866) 298-4442

Additional guidance on the management of suspected Ebola patients for First Responders (including recommended PPE, transport, and infection control) is available at www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/interim-guidance-emergency-medical-services-systems-911-public-safety-answering-points-management-patients-known-suspected-united-states.html

The following is a link to the recorded training sponsored by the CDC and Greater New York Hospital Association. This information is being provided as an additional resource for the demonstration of the proper donning and doffing of PPE: <http://www.gnyha.org/ebolatraining>

Questions related to Ebola response may be submitted to Ebola@dhec.sc.gov . General information about Ebola can be found at the Ebola link on the DHEC website (www.scdhec.gov) or the CDC website (www.cdc.gov).