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Provincial Emergency Department Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) Screening Questions

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If a person presents to an Emergency Department in BC with symptoms of EVD, travel or contact history that raises concern about EVD, ask the following questions:

1. Have you (or a close family member) travelled to a viral hemorrhagic fever/Ebola virus disease outbreak region (Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone) within the last 21 days (three weeks)?
2. Do you have fever ($\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$) **AND** additional symptoms such as headache, muscle pain, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain or unexplained hemorrhage? See additional signs and symptoms below.
3. When did symptoms first start?
4. What countries did you visit in Africa? For what duration? Was it for work or pleasure? If for work, was it to provide health care to others?
5. Were you visiting mostly the city, the country or both?
6. Have you come into contact with live or dead people or animals known, or strongly suspected, to have viral hemorrhagic fever/Ebola virus disease?
7. Have you visited caves/mines or had contact with non-human primates (monkeys, gorillas, lemurs, gibbons, chimpanzees, etc.), bats, or rodents within outbreak countries?
8. Have you worked in a laboratory within the outbreak area or come into contact with any bodily fluids from humans suspected to have the disease?
9. Have you participated in the funeral of someone suspected or known to have Ebola virus disease?
10. Have you been in contact with, or provided personal care to somebody suspected or known to have Ebola virus disease?
11. Have you been in contact with body fluids of somebody known to have Ebola virus disease?
12. Have you had a needle-stick injury in the past 21 days (three weeks)?
13. Did you spend time in any medical clinic, health care facility or hospital while travelling?
14. Do you have malaria? Were you diagnosed or treated for malaria while travelling? Did you take medicines to prevent malaria while travelling?

Ebola Virus Disease Signs and Symptoms

- ▶ fever, malaise, myalgia, severe headache, conjunctival injection, pharyngitis, abdominal pain, vomiting, diarrhea that can be bloody, bleeding not related to injury (e.g., petechiae, ecchymosis, epistaxis), unexplained hemorrhage, erythematous maculopapular rash on the trunk.