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Ohio's Hospitals, Nurses and Physicians Work Together to Prepare for Ebola

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Planning and preparedness for Ebola is something Ohio's hospitals, and their partners in medicine and nursing are taking very seriously. This collaborative, solution oriented approach is essential to ensure all frontline healthcare providers have the proper training, equipment and protocols to care for these patients while protecting their safety.

Given the recent events surrounding Ebola, Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is reviewing protocols and procedures, and continuously distributing updated guidance as new information is received and best practices are developed. As new CDC guidance is issued regarding Ebola, we are working with our collective memberships to incorporate all updates in our healthcare settings.

With the ongoing updates based on best practice guidelines, efforts in preparation will require adjustment and flexibility as more is learned about caring for any patient who is infected with Ebola, while protecting our healthcare providers. Collectively, hospitals, physicians and nurses have the same goals in approaching any Ebola case: to ensure patients are cared for appropriately and that all hospital and clinical staff are safe in providing that care.

Ohio Hospital Association, Ohio Nurses Association, and Ohio State Medical Association along with our state public health authorities have a commitment to working closely together to plan and prepare for the potential of Ebola identification in our state. Our strong collaborative commitment will continue as we work to address this threat to our public's health.

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