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MEMORANDUM

TO: Medical Officers of Health and Associate Medical Officers of Health

RE: Public Health Management of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD)

On September 20, 2022, the health authorities in Uganda declared an outbreak of Ebola disease caused by Sudan virus (SVD). Ebola does not spread easily from person to person and can only be spread through direct contact with infected bodily fluids. While the risk of exposure remains low in Ontario, it is critical that our health system is prepared to respond to a suspected or confirmed case.

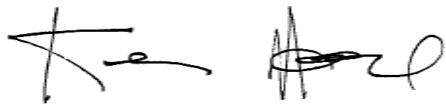
The Ministry of Health (MOH) has released [Interim Guidance for the Public Health Management of Viral Hemorrhagic Fevers \(VHF\)](#) to provide key information on the health system's roles and responsibilities. It supports public health units in the management of returning travellers from Ebola affected countries, including risk assessment and managing exposed, symptomatic, and asymptomatic individuals. Please note, this document – or any other Ebola guidance – may change as more information becomes available.

We will continue to monitor and assess the risk to Ontarians as more information becomes available through the Public Health Agency of Canada and other international sources. We appreciate the dedication of our health system partners on this critical work and will continue to inform you of changes to Ontario's response plan.

Additional resources and information can be found on the ministry's [Ebola webpage](#), which will be updated as the situation evolves.

If health care providers have any questions, they can contact the ministry through the Health Care Provider hotline at 1-866-212-2272 or EOCOperations.MOH@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Moore', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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