

## EBOLA HEMORRHAGIC FEVER

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### EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

PathGroup would like to partner with you in protecting your employees and others from unnecessary exposure during the current Ebola outbreak. Limiting the amount of handling of specimens obtained from patients with suspected Ebola virus disease (EVD) is critical.

Patients with known or suspected EVD should not be referred to a PathGroup Patient Service Center; nor should collection of any specimen types be performed by a PathGroup phlebotomist.

If you have specimens from patients that are being evaluated for EVD, providers must contact their local State Department of Health to expedite testing and prevent exposure to transportation personnel.

The CDC and the American Society for Microbiology (ASM) are continually updating information regarding EVD. Links to these resources can be found below:

- **CDC Ebola (Ebola Virus Disease):** <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/index.html>
- **ASM Interim Laboratory Guidelines:** <http://www.asm.org/index.php/news-room/asm-press-releases/98-policy/issues/93198-ebola-10-14>

Your state health laboratory (<http://www.aphl.org/aboutaphl/memberlabs/pages/default.aspx>) or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) can provide assistance

For further questions, please contact Client Services at 615-562-9300 or 888-474-5227

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