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Ebola Screening Protocols – DoD Personnel

- Pre-deployment
 - All DOD members receive training on Ebola prevention, malaria prevention, other medical threats and medical readiness requirements to include a list of required immunizations for a deployment to the Africa region.
- Deployment (**Please note: No DOD personnel are involved in the direct treatment of Ebola patients)
 - As for our troops deployed to the region, all are undergoing daily screenings to assess their overall health and well-being. In addition, all personnel from West Africa undergo detailed medical screening and evaluation by a healthcare provider before they are authorized to travel.
- Post-deployment
 - Specifically, within 12 hours prior to any passenger's departure from the OUA Joint Operating Area (JOA), trained DOD healthcare personnel interview/assess face-to-face all DOD passengers to determine an individual's exposure status. A temperature check is included in this assessment.
 - In the rare event that an individual would display symptoms consistent with Ebola Virus Disease prior to departing the OUA JOA, they will not return to U.S. installations in Europe. They would be isolated immediately and evacuated through appropriate means from West Africa directly to the U.S. using specialized aeromedical transport.
 - In-person screenings are required for everyone before and after departure from the Ebola outbreak area. The policy does give discretion to delegated commanders, based on their assessment of unit exposure, to hold their personnel in a controlled environment designated by JFC commander up to 10 days prior to departure.
- The DOD has no plans to transport patients with Ebola or infected material from West Africa to Europe or any other non-U.S. country.
- For the detailed DOD memorandum, "Pre-deployment, Deployment and Post-Deployment Training, Screening, and Monitoring Guidance from Department of Defense Personnel Deployed to Ebola Outbreak Areas" dated Oct. 10, 2014, go to:
http://www.defense.gov/home/features/2014/1014_ebola/docs/Pre_PostDeploymentTraining.pdf