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Dear EMS Colleagues,

All of us have been working diligently to ensure the safety of our patients and staff as we prepare for the potential of an EBOLA patient exposure. SLCH is requesting your assistance with arrivals of suspected patients/current patient(s) under observation at SLCH. As such we have developed a process for each campus for you to follow as described below.

As with all patients, however, more importantly with this type of patient, pre-arrival notification is essential for us to prepare the area for your arrival, additionally, it is essential you know the proper route to take in order to reduce further exposure.

NEWBURGH ARRIVALS:

Please enter through the ambulance entrance. Once through the coded doors, proceed to the isolation room on your right. If the patient is ambulatory, it is best to apply a mask to the patient and have them ambulate directly into the hospital.

For all arrivals after we have a suspected EBOLA patient, please enter through the ED Ambulance Entrance and proceed to the coded doors, you will notice an approved "Plastic Barrier" that will prevent you from getting to the area of isolation. Take the doorway just beyond the coded doors to the hallway that leads directly to the core of the ED.

CORNWALL ARRIVALS:

Please enter through the ambulance entrance. Once through the coded doors, proceed to the isolation room on your right. If the patient is ambulatory, it is best to apply a mask to the patient and have them ambulate directly into the hospital.

For all arrivals after we have a suspected EBOLA patient, please enter through the ED Ambulance Entrance and proceed to the coded doors, you will notice an approved "Plastic Barrier" that will prevent you from getting to the area of isolation. Proceed to the nurse's station and they will direct you from there.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 845-568-2973.

Sincerely,



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