Ebola Virus Disease (EVD)

Information from BMEDDAC

The United States Army Medical Department Activity – Bavaria (BMEDDAC) is taking aggressive action to ensure we are prepared should a patient present with Ebola-like symptoms. If EVD is considered a possible diagnosis, the patient will be isolated immediately while further evaluation and testing are completed, and we will promptly coordinate with our higher headquarters and local German health personnel to determine appropriate next steps. Additionally, we always ensure that proper medical waste disposal guidelines are followed. Our strategic objective is to sustain the health and safety of our Soldiers and their Families, all of our beneficiaries, our staff, and the local community.

Army Medicine and BMEDDAC have comprehensive plans, processes and resources in place, and we are reassessing requirements as the situation develops to make sure we always remain ready. Our Preventive Medicine staff actively monitors our procedures to ensure we are in line with the latest CDC, DOD, and Army guidelines. Army Medicine has launched a broad education campaign to make sure our leadership, clinical staff, and employees remain fully informed. For example, we have begun conducting updated training with our staff that focuses on immediate action tasks, proper use of appropriate personal protective equipment, and review of appropriate infection control protocols. BMEDDAC is coordinating with garrison leaders and local community health departments in the communities we serve.

BMEDDAC is confident that we are well prepared and synchronized with our fellow healthcare professionals in Germany. We remain in frequent and comprehensive coordination and collaboration with our headquarters' Ebola experts, the CDC and other public health partners.

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