



# Medical Directive

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Subject	<u>Termination of Medical Screening EIDS Tool for Ebola Virus</u>
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Credentialed System Responder	Information
Credentialed EMT	Information
Credentialed EMT-Intermediate	Information
Credentialed EMT-Paramedic	Information
Credentialed EMD	Action

On 24 July 2018, the Ministry of Health of the Democratic Republic of Congo declared the end of the ninth outbreak of Ebola virus disease (EVD) in the country. The announcement comes 42 days (*two incubation periods*) after blood samples from the last confirmed Ebola patient twice tested negative for the disease. The World Health Organization (WHO) considers the public health risk associated with the recent Ebola virus disease outbreak to be low at national, regional and global levels. Ebola virus disease is, however, endemic in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and may re-emerge at any time.

With the announcement of the termination of this outbreak and, upon receipt of this Medical Directive, ATCEMS Emergency Communications Division will cease the use of the Emerging Infectious Disease Surveillance Tool (EIDS Tool) to collect information from patients experiencing flu like symptoms.

The cancellation of the screening process by EMS Communications should not negate field responder's continuing to inquire about any recent travel history and continue the utilization of appropriate disease precautions with proper PPE.

Thanks for all you do. As always, please let us know if you have any questions.

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