Texas Ebola Testing Process

History of travel to area with active Ebola* or exposure to Ebola within the previous 21 days

Yes

Suspected Ebola patient

Contact Local or Regional Health Department***

Contact DSHS Eaidu*

Consult with CDC on case* and DSHS leadership notified and updated as needed

Submitter will be provided with specimen submission instructions and shipping guidance

Specimen Tested by DSHS Lab or LRN*

Test Result Notification

No

Symptoms:

Fever (subjective or ≥100°F) **

AND** Ebola-compatible symptoms: severe headache, fatigue, muscle pain, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, or unexplained hemorrhage

Yes

Contact Local or Regional Health Department***

CDC screening criteria met

No further action will be taken

Specimen Submitted by DSHS Lab or LRN*

Test Result Notification

No

Continue with usual triage and assessment

No

A. Continue with usual triage and assessment

B. Notify local health department*** to discuss possible monitoring recommendations

No further action will be taken

Additional Information

- DSHS Ebola Virus Disease Investigation Guidance (https://www.dshs.texas.gov/IDCU/investigation/Investigation-Guidance/)
- CDC Ebola Website (https://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/)

*For more information about areas with active Ebola transmission, call your local health department.***

**During an Ebola outbreak period, fever is not required to meet the PUI (suspect) case definition. Although the clinical case criteria may not require fever to be present, at least one other Ebola-compatible symptom, and an epidemiologic risk factor must be present to meet the PUI (suspect) case definition. These scenarios will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

***Find your Local Health Department: https://www.dshs.texas.gov/idcu/investigation/conditions/contacts/.

*DSHS Emerging & Acute Infectious Disease Unit and Infectious Disease Medical Officer involved in Epi screening & consult.

*Laboratory Response Network.