Texas Ebola Testing Process Algorithm

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

Yes

Symptoms: Fever (subjective or >100°F) AND Ebola-compatible symptoms: severe headache, muscle pain, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, or unexplained hemorrhage

Yes

Suspected Ebola patient

Contact Local or Regional Health Department**

Contact DSHS EAI DB***

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

No

Screening

Epi screening criteria met

Submitter will be provided with sample submission instructions and shipping guidance

No

No further action will be taken

A. Continue with usual triage and assessment

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

No

Re-evaluate in 24 hours

Epi screening criteria not met

No further action will be taken

Facility

Public Health

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/)

*A for more information about areas with active Ebola transmission, call your local health department**

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

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

*Laboratory Response Network.