



Ebola Virus Infection Prevention and Control in Hospitals & Healthcare

What is Ebola?

Ebola is a virus that causes hemorrhagic fever, a severe and often fatal disease in humans. It is spread through direct contact with body fluids or blood of an infected person who is showing symptoms, or through contact with contaminated objects, such as needles.

Current Ebola Outbreak

Since March of this year, over 4,000 people have died from Ebola in Western Africa. The CDC recently confirmed the first Ebola transmission in the US, in which a healthcare worker was infected after treating an Ebola patient in a US hospital. In order to contain a potential Ebola outbreak in the US and prevent further spread of the disease, the CDC recommends specific infection control procedures for hospitals and healthcare facilities.



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CDC Recommended Infection Control Procedures

The CDC advises healthcare workers use standard, contact, and droplet precautions when dealing with infected or possibly infected Ebola patients. Additionally, personal protective equipment, including eye, face, and skin protection, should be worn at all times. Safe handling procedures should be implemented when handling or disposing of needles or other possibly contaminated objects. Frequent disinfecting procedures should be implemented, both in areas where Ebola or suspected Ebola patients are present and in general areas.

Currently, there are no EPA-registered disinfectants with specific claims against Ebola. To disinfect in hospitals and healthcare facilities, the CDC recommends using an EPA-registered disinfectant with claims against a non-enveloped virus, such as norovirus.

Multi-Clean Disinfectants with non-enveloped virus claims



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Useful Resources

[General information about Ebola, including symptoms and mode of transmission](#)

[CDC Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations](#)

[Guidance for infection control in hospitals](#)

[Multi-Clean EPA-registered disinfectants, sanitizing procedures, and method bulletins.](#)