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Monitored Traveler Does Not Have Ebola

Santa Barbara County has been monitoring an individual traveler who traveled to one of the African countries where Ebola is epidemic. After the traveler became ill, extra precautions were taken to isolate the individual, transport her to an assessment hospital and test for Ebola. Test results and clinical evaluation confirm the patient does NOT have Ebola.

American Medical Response (AMR) and the AMR Infectious Disease Response Team successfully transported the patient to a designated assessment hospital in the Los Angeles area.

The patient’s condition improved since hospitalization yesterday. The patient no longer has signs of fever or illness. All test results were in normal ranges.

The patient will be discharged from the hospital today. The County will continue to monitor the traveler through the 21 day period since the departure from the African country as is the protocol for all travelers.

Since December of 2014, Santa Barbara County has monitored a handful of travelers.

The County Public Health Department appreciates excellent partnership with American Medical Response, Los Angeles County Public Health Department, California Department of Public Health, Centers for Disease Control, and hospital partners. Together, we protected patient health and confidentiality while protecting the health of the public.

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