

Joint Commission Standards – Safely and Effectively Managing the Infectious Ebola Patient

While surveying healthcare organizations readiness to receive a confirmed or suspected Ebola patient, the following highlighted accreditation chapters are focal to identifying strengths and/or gaps to safely and effectively managing the infectious Ebola patient within an organization, while minimizing the risk of transmission to self or others.

- **Leadership (LD) 04.01.01,04.01.07**
 - Complies with law and regulation, focus on patient safety, policies and procedures that support patient care, treatment and services
- **Environment of Care (EC) 02.02.01,03.01.01**
 - Manage risk to hazardous materials and waste; staff knowledge of roles/responsibilities
- **Emergency Management (EM) 01.01.01,02.01.01, 02.02.01,02.02.03,02.02.05,02.02.07,03.01.01,03.01.03**
 - Current implementation of organizational Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) specific to addressing Ebola (communication plan, management of resources/assets/hazardous waste/safety and security/staffing)
 - Evaluate the effectiveness of implemented activities and the EOP
- **Human Resources (HR) 01.04.01,01.05.03,01.06.01,03.01.01**
 - Staff orientation, education and training, and competency
- **Infection Control (IC) 01.03.01,01.05.01,01.06.01,02.01.01,02.02.01,02.03.01,03.01.01**
 - Identify risks for transmission of infection, IC Plan and implementation, use of personal protective equipment (PPE), response to an influx of infectious patients/ risks associated with medical equipment, devices, and supplies, prevention of transmission of infection to other patients, LIP's and staff, use of current national guideline
 - Evaluate the effectiveness of the IC Plan
- **Nursing (NR) 01.01.01,02.03.01**
 - Delivery of nursing care, treatment, and services, implementing policy and procedure
- **NPSG.07.01.01**
 - Comply with either the current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) hand hygiene guidelines or the current World Health Organization (WHO) hand hygiene guidelines

The [CDC](#) remains a primary source of Ebola information.