



COUNTY OF SUMMIT
THE HIGH POINT OF OHIO
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Transportation Protocol Developed

Akron, Ohio. An efficient protocol has been developed for the notification, dispatch, response, and transportation of individuals that have may have suspected symptoms for Ebola, with input from all Summit County hospital systems, the health district, and first responders. This is another critical piece of the planning that has previously focused on the development of clinical care protocols for hospital systems.

Friday evening, Mayor Don Plusquellic requested changes in transport protocol to protect the first responders. As early as Saturday morning, Governor John Kasich met with local officials to discuss proper response, and supported the development of a protocol for notice and transport of contacts that may develop Ebola-like symptoms.

Immediately after the meeting with the Governor, Summit County Health Commissioner Gene Nixon, in collaboration with Mayor Don Plusquellic, Mayor David Kline, and Summit County Executive Russ Pry developed procedures for receiving and managing contacts that develop symptoms of Ebola. These procedures were developed so that the least amount of people are exposed to a suspected Ebola patient.

"Our police officers and firefighters are our first responders. We need to have procedures in place that protect them, that protect innocent bystanders (the public), as well as provide the patient with the best care possible. I think this protocol address these concerns," said Mayor Plusquellic.

Summit County Public Health will continue regular health monitoring of identified contacts. Currently all of our contacts are healthy and there is no Ebola in Summit County.



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Additionally, the Summit County Ebola Information Line will be open from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM throughout the week of Monday October 20th, 2014 to Friday October 24, 2014. The phone number is 330-926-3939.

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