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# MEMO

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**To:** All Medical, Nursing and Operational Leadership

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**Subject:** CDC Update - Ebola Screening

The CDC no longer recommends enhanced precautions to be taken in relation to evaluation for Ebola in all persons traveling to/from Sierra Leone, Liberia or Guinea. Harris Health System staff can now discontinue asking all patients about travel to these countries, and Ebola signage can be taken down. Employees who travel to these countries no longer need to report to Employee Health or do self-surveillance for symptoms or fever. Physicians and nurses should, of course, remain alert to clinical signs and symptoms with or without a concerning travel history that might suggest any highly communicable disease (e.g., Ebola, MERS) or a concern for bioterrorism and take action accordingly.

Quality Management Services will be working IT to disable this component in the EPIC system. We will communicate to everyone when this change goes into EPIC production. **In order to be a cohesive change, please wait for any actions until the date it is communicated in an EPIC production update.**

In the meantime, please contact Claire Lauzon-Vallone RN MBA CPHQ, Administrative Director of Healthcare Quality and Outcomes at 713-566-6296 if you have any questions.

Please disseminate this memo to your leadership in your pavilions.