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Hospital Releases Statement on Ebola Preparedness

Delano Regional Medical Center stated it began aggressive preparedness procedures in the event of an Ebola outbreak in our area. These procedures include the implementation of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) Ebola patient screening tool, designation of a specially prepared negative air pressure room within the hospital for any patient identified with positive screenings and an increased availability of protective equipment (including isolation suits) throughout the hospital and clinics.

DRMC's clinical and ancillary (laboratory, radiology, respiratory and therapy services) staff are automatically educated upon hire on isolation procedures and proper use of protective equipment. However to provide increased protection of our staff and our patients, we will conduct mandatory education the week of October 27th to assure staff have a very clear understanding of the current CDC guidelines and Ebola response.

Management of the hospital participates in weekly conference calls with the Kern County Public Health Department and CDC to monitor Ebola and to keep abreast of any changes.

DRMC is also developing a plan to educate the residents in our local communities. Specific dates, times and locations will be published when they are finalized.

Delano Regional Medical Center always stands prepared for a variety of emergencies in order to care for patients and keep health professionals safe. The health and safety of our community is a priority in the event of a local outbreak of this virus.

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